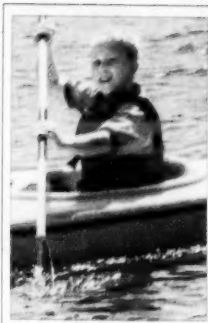


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## NEW NAME FOR THE PARK?



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

World War II veteran Ted Cole has found support for his idea to rename the Park as a tribute to World War II veterans. He says these veterans are the only ones without a significant memorial in town.

## The World War II Park?

Veteran suggests renaming the Park in tribute to WWII vets

By Andrea Gregory

For World War II veteran Ted Cole, of 43 River St., a walk in the Park could soon mean more than a pleasant stroll on a sunny day.

"I think this is the perfect spot," says Cole spreading out his arms near the Park entrance at the corner of Chestnut and Bartlet

streets. He envisions a granite memorial and a flying flag there in honor of World War II veterans. But his real hope is for the town to officially designate the entire park as a World War II memorial.

It looks as though he might get his wish. In fact, with or without a World War II monument,

Selectman Brian Major says he wants to rename the Park after World War II veterans next Memorial Day.

Cole's idea would bring a name to the virtually nameless park — it's officially called the Park — and emphasize an important time in Cole's life.

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## 'Affordable housing' rents

\$1,000 for one-bedroom apartment puts 40B units at or near market rate

By Andrea Gregory

Nearly \$1,000 for a one-bedroom apartment. A two-bedroom unit that rents for \$1,200. A three-bedroom apartment that costs \$1,800 per month. Are these affordable rents? Under the state's affordable housing law, they are.

In fact, so-called affordable units in Ch. 40B affordable housing projects currently proposed for Andover are estimated to cost those amounts.

Though the affordable housing law is designed to create more housing options for people, some of the projected "affordable" rates for 40B rental projects coming to Andover seem on par with the cost for market-rate apartments already available.

Towns often object to 40B projects because developers can use them to



The design for a Greenwood Meadows home. Unlike some 40B apartments, these proposed affordable units for sale tend to be much lower in price than market-rate homes.

bypass local zoning regulations if less than 10 percent of a town's housing stock is deemed "affordable." But 40B projects are meant to offer more people a way into

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## Sick days for teachers: 7 per teacher per year

For more, see the "Marked Absent" series continuing this week in the Eagle-Tribune.

Staff writers and editors David Joyner, Shawn Boburg, Grace Rubenstein and Jan Otto-Gollucci are responsible for much of the information in the report at right.

By Ben Hellman and Eagle-Tribune Co. writers

Andover students get a week off for Christmas vacation, February vacation and April vacation. Some Andover teachers take one more week. In a recent analysis of Andover teacher absences by the Eagle-Tribune Publishing Co. newspapers, Andover teachers averaged 7.4 sick days in a school year.

The information came from public records from the 2001-02 school year. It was compiled as part of a 17-town investigation of Massachusetts school districts north of Boston.

The figures show:

- 18 percent of Andover teachers took 10 or more sick days in the 2001-02 school year.

- Andover teachers take Mondays and Fridays as sick days more frequently than other days of the week. They also took off more days at the beginning and end of official vacations.

- 4.9 percent of Andover teachers were absent on an average school day (the figure does not include professional development absences.)

Such numbers were similar to those found in the Amesbury, Beverly, Danvers, Gloucester, Greater Lawrence Technical

School, Haverhill, Lawrence, Methuen, Newburyport, North Andover, Peabody, Pentucket, Rockport, Salem, Triton and Whittier school systems.

In fact, Andover teachers took off fewer days than the average for the 17 surrounding communities in the study. Andover teachers union head Tom Meyers said Andover

teachers are also below the state average in taking sick leave.

But Andover teachers — like teachers in other districts — work approximately 180 days per year. A teacher who took 10 sick days was absent, on

average, once every three-and-a-half weeks. Including training and all other absences the average teacher was out 11.15 days, or once every 16 work days.

Andover teachers get 15 days a year in sick leave, and two of those days can be taken as personal days, which must be approved beforehand. Teachers can accrue up to 180 sick days. They are the only union employees in town who can't buy back their sick time.

When an Andover teacher faces long-term sick leave for a serious illness, he or she can take sick days accrued by fellow

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Laptops for every 5th-grader; \$2,000 bill for most parents Page 5

## Marland Street development choice

## Safer or prettier?

By Andrea Gregory

If a fire truck drives down Marland Street, a narrow, dead-end road on the edge of Ballardvale, it has two options — drive out in reverse or turn around in a resident's driveway. The same is true for ambulances and delivery trucks.

But that could change if a plan from developer James Grifoni is adopted. Then again, trucks just might have more driveways to choose from, if an alternative plan is adopted.

Grifoni has been looking to add two, new, single-family

homes and a cul-de-sac that trucks could use to safely turn around. That option, though considered safer by town officials, was also described as "ugly" by the developer's lawyer. So Grifoni proposed a second option to the Planning Board last week: adding the two single-family homes, with driveways similar to those that already exist on the street. The lack of a cul-de-sac would mean emergency vehicles would still not be able to turn around without using residents' driveways. But this option appears to be more palatable to current Mar-

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## TAKE THAT



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Nick Ientile (facing camera) and Dan Campinelli battle like knights as part of Wood Hill Middle School's Medieval Fair. Story, page 16.

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## Parents fear subtraction of advanced math

New math program to eliminate separate math class for exceptional 7th-grade math students

By Ben Hellman

A new math program to be adopted next year has parents concerned because seventh-graders with advanced math skills will no longer have a class of their own. While administrators say this is not cause for concern, some teachers admit they are not so sure.

The "Connected Math Program," the planned curriculum for all middle-school seventh-graders next year, does not include a separate class for advanced students. West Middle School seventh-grade math teacher Kelly MacDonald said she supports the new

program, but is worried the lack of an advanced math class might not serve the top math students as well as the current program. "I have to say, honestly, it's a concern of mine," she said.

"This sort of thing happens in the dead of the night and (when parents learn about it) it's a done deal."

PARENT PEGGY KRUSE

Parent Peggy Kruse called for the plan to be presented in an open School Committee meeting before the advanced classes are ended. She said the decision had been made without parent input and without the full understanding of teachers.

"This sort of thing happens in the dead of the night and (when parents learn

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FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Students take a test as part of a math-team competition at Doherty Middle School.



# Quarters will add up to \$105K

Increasing meters to 25 cents expected to provide boost

By Meir Rinde

Todd Clarizia isn't overjoyed the cost of parking in town lots will more than double in coming months, but the proposed fee increase does not really bother him, either.

"It's just a revenue-raising technique, whether they do it through fees or property taxes," Clarizia said yesterday afternoon, after pulling his Buick LeSabre into a town lot at Park and Bartlett streets. "You're going to pay for it one way or another."

The proposed hike from 10 to 25 cents per hour, approved with a 5-0 vote by the selectmen last night, is the latest in a series of increases in town fees over the past six months. Buying a town cemetery plot, getting a building permit, taking the bus to middle school — they have all gotten a little more expensive or will in the near future.

Clarizia said he is already helping the town by paying more for dog licenses, which rose from \$16 to \$20 for his two pooches. Considering all the other fees charged by the town, the parking meter increase is trivial, he said.

"The fee doesn't really intrigue me much," said Clarizia, an engineer who lives just outside downtown, on Railroad Street. "It's still a pretty good deal."

According to Police Chief Brian Pattullo the increase will affect 400 meters in four downtown lots, starting July 1. The lots are at Park and Bartlett streets, behind Olde Town Hall, next to Memorial Hall Library, and next to the Olde Andover Village shopping area off Main Street.

Pattullo said the town collected about \$80,000 per year from its parking meters when it charged 10 cents per hour. With the increase to 25 cents per hour, Pattullo estimates Andover will collect \$195,000 annually, an increase of about \$105,000 per year.

If every meter in town had been used eight hours per day in previous years, the town could have collected as much as \$92,000 annually. The increase to 25 cents per hour will generate a potential maximum of \$250,000 per year.

The proposal, which Pattullo presented to selectmen Monday, also introduced a plan for the police department to eliminate meters from individual spaces. That way the town would expend less time and money emptying, maintaining and replacing parking lot equipment.

Instead of using meters, driver would deposit money into a central pay machine, which would issue time-stamped tickets for users to leave under their

windshields.

"Instead of trying to maintain 100 to 150 meters in a lot, we'd be maintaining one or two machines," Hashem said.

Two parking supervisors and a police officer will continue checking that cars are paid up, and issue citations to those that are not, he said.

"The same amount of monitoring would take place," Hashem said. "Instead of looking at a meter for violators, would look at tickets on the windshield or dashboard."

When drivers leave lots, they will take their tickets with them. The new payment method eliminates the chance of finding a meter with time left on it, potentially raising even more revenue.

The fee increases come as the state expects to cut the amount of income tax money it is able to send to cities and towns. Andover's 2003-2004 budget anticipates \$10 million in state aid, down \$1.4 million from last year.

Town Manager Buzz Staczynski told selectmen several months ago to expect a range of fee increase proposals.

Since then, dog licenses have risen from \$8 to \$10; building permits increase from \$7 to \$10 per \$1,000 of a project's value; and Spring Grove Cemetery plots jumped 11 percent to \$600.

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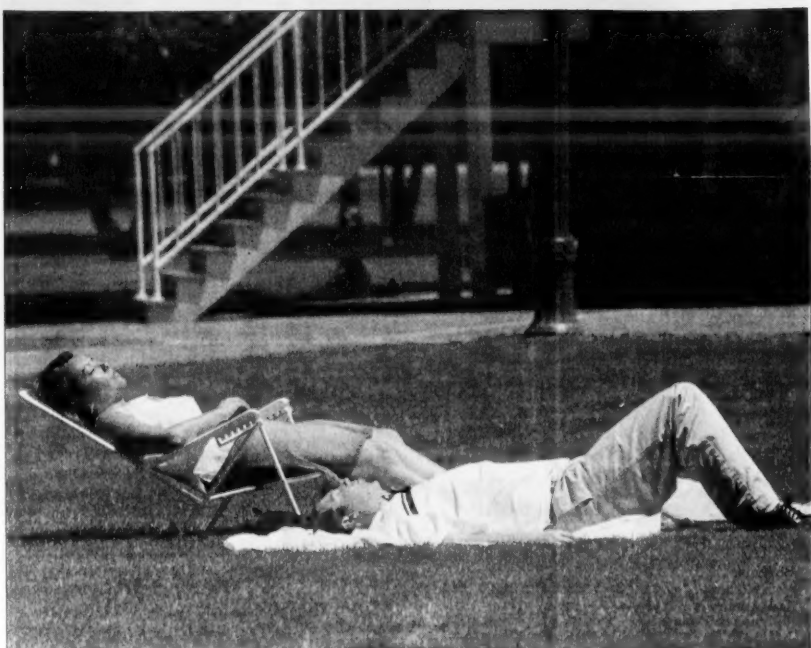


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Sunbathers who declined to give their names enjoyed the warmer weather this week by lounging in the Park. They could soon be enjoying a park renamed in tribute to veterans of World War II, on the suggestion of veteran Ted Cole.

## Tribute to World War II vets

### ■ THE PARK

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"Everyone I mention it to, whether they're World War II or not, thinks it's a great idea," he says.

Cole says the Park is a key part of Andover and has offered enjoyment to many generations. He remembers climbing trees and playing with friends as a child and says others who served with him from town treasure the same memories.

"We all grew up playing in

**"Why not? You don't have to build anything."**

**TED COLE,  
ON RENAMING THE PARK  
IN TRIBUTE TO  
WORLD WAR II VETERANS**

this park," says Cole. "I know how the World War II generation feels about the park."

Cole says 2,000 people from

town fought in World War II. That was about 25 percent of the population at the time, he says, yet there is nothing in town recognizing their efforts. Cole says connecting the Park with the war efforts of his time seemed like an easy solution — and a gratifying idea.

"Why not? You don't have to build anything," he says. "I just want something really nice, really pretty and I don't think you can beat this. The more you stand here and look at it, the prettier it gets."

Major says he jumped on the idea as soon as he heard about it and has already brought it to his fellow selectmen. "I fell in love with it right away," he says.

"The Park has remained nameless, waiting for the right opportunity, and this is it," says Major. "This is absolutely perfect for it."

He points out every other war seems to have a memorial in its name. The Civil War has the second floor of Memorial Hall Library. World War I has Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School and there are memorial bridges for the Korea, Vietnam and the first Persian Gulf wars.

To pay for the monument, the selectmen would help to privately raise money, says Major. "All that can come after you dedicate the Park," he says.

Major says he's planning on bringing up the idea for a second time when the selectmen map out their goals and objectives.

The Park is home to many patriotic events each year, including Fourth of July and Memorial Day ceremonies and activities.

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## IN BRIEF

## PAST AND PRESENT



OLDER PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. MODERN-DAY PHOTO BY TM/JEN  
The Stowe School – named after Harriet Beecher Stowe – remained on Bartlet Street from 1888 to 1971, on the plot of land that now houses a small playing field just south of Doherty Middle School. Today one can still see stairs that appear unnecessary since there is no building there. The Senior Center Task Force is considering using the former Stowe School site for a new senior center.

## Hood memories

By Andrea Dickey  
Townsmen intern

Russell Seamans, 90, of 468 Lowell St. remembers when the Hood Farm still stood on River Road. Today, and for the past 73 years, the St. Francis Seraphic Seminary stands on the site.

Both institutions were pictured in the Past and Present section of the May 15 Townsman.

Russell Seamans remembers his father, Joseph Seamans, working on the farm as foreman from 1909-1922. His duties included plowing the fields, driving the milk route delivery truck, and replacing any employees who failed to show up for work. As told to Barbara Innes, Seamans recalls the land to be "marvelously landscaped, surrounded by a wall with picturesque stone, and wrought iron gates. Many cupolas majestically adorned the all encompassing barn."

Charles I. Hood was able to purchase hundreds of acres of land along River Road, stretching from north Tewksbury through west Andover because he made his money by his sarsaparilla laboratory in Lowell, which produced not only sarsaparilla, but apothecaries as well. The farm grew to include Jersey stock and Berkshire swine, and according to Innes, eight champion-bred heifer calves were sold for \$3,140 at auction.

In 1922, Hood Farm closed due to Hood's failing health, and in 1930, the Friars of St. Francis purchased the farm-house.

Information provided in a letter to the editor by Robert and Barbara Innes was used in this article.

## Quote, unquote . . .

**P**ARK STREET REALLY WASN'T a premium street to be on...over the years, the OK place became a great place.  
— Developer Steve Stapinski on turning a house at 69 Park St. into nine condos and four businesses. (Story, page 7)

**I** ONCE SAW HIM IN HIS PAJAMAS in the office. He's always working.  
— Andover Police Lt. William MacKenzie talking about this year's recipient of the Officer Robert T. Black award, Sgt. John Pathiak, who is known as "Johnny-on-the-spot" around the police station. (Story, page 11)

**A**FTER MY CHILDREN, reading is my greatest blessing.  
— 79-year-old Hannah Heiset, a Memorial Hall Library book club member, talking about beach-blanket-reading for the summer. (Story, page 19)

## News Calendar

## Thursday, June 19

Andover Housing Authority, 100 Morton St., 7 p.m.

## Friday, June 20

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, Town Offices, third floor, 11:30 a.m.

## Tuesday, June 24

Selectmen, work session, Water Treatment Plant, Lowell Street, 6:30 p.m.

Greater Lawrence Technical School District, 57 River Road, Four Winds Dining Room, 6:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, public hearing, deliberation on 13 Heather

Drive, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 6:30 p.m.

## Thursday, June 26

Disabilities Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

## Wednesday, July 2

Ballardvale Historic District Commission, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

## Tuesday, July 8

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

## Forgiveness and church abuse crisis

As the chairman of a national board studying the causes of the clergy sexual abuse crisis resigns, an Andover church is hosting a discussion on the role of forgiveness in the crisis.

Former Oklahoma governor Frank Keating has made headlines over the past two weeks for comparing the actions of some Catholic bishops to the Mafia. The controversy caused Keating, who is a devout Catholic, to resign from a national lay review board. Some members were concerned about his outspokenness.

Meanwhile, St. Robert Bellarmine Church is hosting a lecture entitled "Forgiveness and

the Sexual Abuse Crisis in the Catholic Church" on Tuesday, June 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the church hall. Heather P. Wilson, who holds a doctorate in pastoral psychology and works with sexual abuse victims, is the featured speaker.

"She will discuss the nature of forgiveness and its relationship to reconciliation and justice," organizer JoAnne Nowak said in an e-mail to the Townsman. "Can the unforgivable be forgiven and how do we view the sexual abuse crisis in the church in this context?"

The public is welcome to the lecture, which is free.

— Judy Wakefield

## Townsman summer interns

The Townsman has two interns working at the paper this summer.

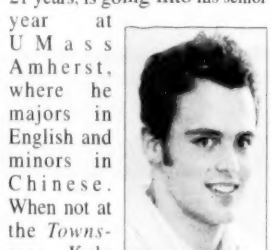


Andrea Dickey

Andrea Dickey is a senior at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She is seeking a double major, studying journalism and political science.

At school, she writes for the Collegian, a student-run daily newspaper. She is also president of Chi Omega Sorority. Home for the summer, she also works at Vesper Country Club, in Tyngsborough.

Kyle McCauley, who has lived in Andover for each of his 21 years, is going into his senior year at UMass Amherst, where he majors in English and minors in Chinese.



Kyle McCauley

When not at the Townsman, Kyle enjoys training and teaching kung fu, watching and making movies, and spending time with his friends and family. At the Townsman, he hopes to gain valuable knowledge of writing in the journalistic style to carry into a career in newspapers and magazines.

## NAMI: MEDIA OF THE YEAR



The Andover Townsman has received the Media Coverage of the Year Award from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Massachusetts. The award was given "in recognition of showing tremendous sensitivity in dealing with the disability and mentally ill population and publication of editorials and articles concerning mental health issues in the northeast area." In the photo above, editor Neil Fater accepts the award. At the convention, NAMI President Jean DeRosa noted some of the Townsman's work related to mental illness, including an article by reporter Ben Hellman about a homeless man in town.

## Parking

## METERS

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The schools will begin charging middle and high school students \$235 a year to take the bus, the high school is increasing the fees for parking and for playing sports, and lunch prices will go up across the board.

Andrea Gregory contributed to this story.

## Correction

Due to a reporting error in a page 1 story called "Park Street project: 'Wall-to wall' condos" in the June 12 addition of the Townsman it was incorrectly stated that the Planning Board received a letter from a 12-year-old boy and a petition signed by more than 60 residents opposed to development plans for 69 Park St. The letter and petition were opposing a different project known as Celestial Estates.

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# Un-leveling the math field

## ■ ADVANCED MATH

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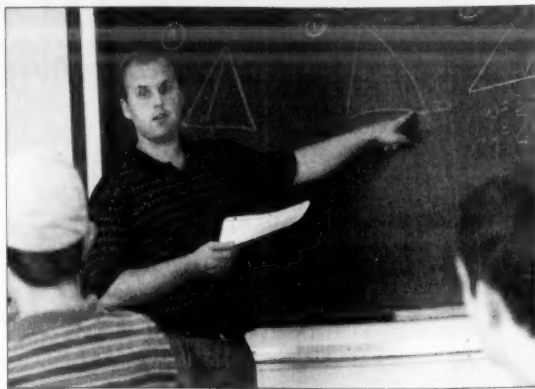
about it) it's a done deal," she said at Tuesday's meeting. Kruse said her child's teacher and other teachers were not aware that the new math program eliminated the advanced classes.

MacDonald said she planned to keep her eye on how the advanced students were handled in the new program. "We don't want it to be where they're just given extra work to do on their own," she said.

But advanced math students will benefit from the language components of the new program, said MacDonald. "It includes more reasoning and communication of information," she said. MacDonald said advanced math students tend to have weaker language abilities and prefer to solve workbook-style problems that don't involve reading.

Doherty Middle School Principal Floyd McManus said the teachers and administrators on the curriculum council would not have chosen the program if it did not challenge advanced students. "We have an obligation to provide for our more motivated students and for all our students," he said.

McManus said the sixth-grade "Every Day Math" pro-



Andover High School math teacher Brian Stack at work during a class earlier this school year.

gram does not provide for a class of advanced students, but 2001 MCAS scores have improved. He said the percentage of Doherty sixth graders scoring in the "advanced" category had gone from 32 two years ago to 42 percent last year. The percentage of students scoring in the "warning" range dropped from 13 percent two years ago to 5 percent last year. Scores at West Middle showed a similar trend, he said. Conversely, the MCAS scores for eighth graders - who have separate classes for advanced students - in both "advanced" and "warning" categories were much more

static.

McManus said that if the middle school principals had seen MCAS scores drop by those percentages, they would have quickly dropped the sixth grade program.

McManus said the middle-school math program has been the focus of teacher and administrator scrutiny for three years. MCAS requires a background in geometry that was previously missing from Andover's middle-school instruction. McManus said the challenge was to provide that background while keeping algebra instruction up to par.

# Meyers: Playing hooky rare

## ■ SICK DAYS

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union members. These days are volunteered from members regularly to make up a "sick bank." Sick bank time must be approved by a board made up of teachers and administrators. The board also investigates suspected sick-leave abuse.

Meyers said teachers playing hooky in Andover is a rare occurrence. "It's not often that you have people off that aren't legitimately ill," he said. He stressed the importance of attendance to the profession. "You want to be here because you're interacting with kids," he said.

Meyers said figures pointing to higher teacher absence on Mondays, Fridays and before and after official vacations could be reflecting teachers' personal days. Sometimes legitimate sickness does coincide with the beginning or end of a vacation, he said.

Meyers pointed to himself as an example. Meyers said he once had to attend a wedding that coincided with the end of Christmas break, and used a personal day. Another time he was sick after February break.

Andover High School teacher Albert Cayot used 14 sick days in the 2001-2002 school year and said he usually needs the time to care for his elderly parents.

Cayot said his long years in Andover were a factor in his willingness to take days. "I've been around long enough that I'm not afraid of what anyone

thinks of me. That's the security that comes with teaching in a district for 28 years."

Andover High School teacher Rebecca Ledig said she knew of teachers who were absent and had good reason to be so. Andover has lost teachers in recent years to cancer and other illnesses. She said she wasn't surprised that teachers are more likely to leave early for vacations or come back late. "The kids do too," she said.

Chemistry teacher Tim Van Wey also said he didn't believe sick-leave abuse was a problem in Andover. "The vast majority of teachers use their sick time for their and their family's illnesses," he said.

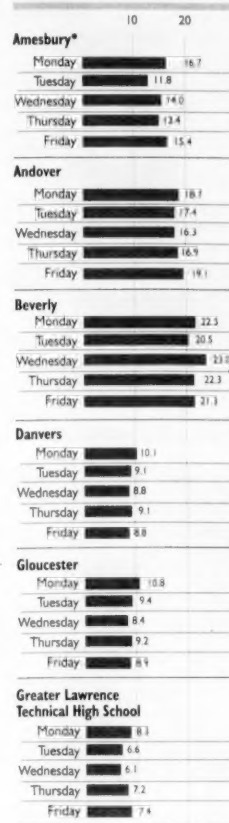
Van Wey said he was surprised a teacher would take a day off when he or she wasn't sick, because teachers must make up missed time and teach the scheduled lessons when they return from a sick day. "I personally don't like to miss my class because it means I'm behind," he said.

Van Wey also said Andover MCAS scores and college acceptance rates were high, so sick leave couldn't be hurting the students very much.

The chart at right shows the number of teachers from some local communities taking a sick day on each day of the school week during 2001-02 school year.

## Teachers out sick by day of the week

Number of teachers taking a sick day, on average, on each day of the school week during the 2001-2002 school year.



## POLICE LOG

### ARRESTS

Two items from Friday, June 6 were missed from last week's log - At 2:09 p.m., Jacqueline Walsh, 37, of 18 Ferry St., Everett, was arrested and charged with violation of a restraining order.

At 4:42 p.m., Michael Kempster, 53, of 132 Holt Road, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence.

Wednesday, June 11 - At 2:25 p.m., Joseph Malek, 47, 43 Chelmsford St., Lawrence, was arrested on

North Main Street and charged with breaking and entering. A prior police check found Malek to be homeless.

Thursday, June 12 - At 9:14 p.m., Jeffrey Ryan Joyce, 18, of 15 Polaris Lane, Tewksbury, was arrested on Frontage Road and charged with possession of a class D substance.

At 9:28 p.m., Adam Evens, 18, of 139 Vale St., Tewksbury, was arrested on Frontage Road and charged with possession of a class

D substance.

Sunday, June 15 - At 12:32 a.m., Andrew Nardone, 18, of 3 Grey-birch Road, was arrested and charged with driving drunk and not stopping at a stop sign.

At 2:07 a.m., Daniel Bellaqua, 18, of 99 Shawsheen Road, was arrested and charged with driving drunk after having an accident on Chandler Road. A woman was transported to Lawrence General Hospital with injuries.

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## Andover Livery Cab 'parked' for 3 days

Selectmen find 13 violations of town bylaws, leading to suspension

By Andrea Gregory

A blue-green mini van with New Hampshire plates parked at the Andover train station caught the eye of Safety Officer Robert Cronin at 7:11 p.m. on May 1. A young man was slumped over in the front seat, he said, and in the window was a sign for Andover Livery Cab Company.

Not only did Cronin issue a wake-up call for the driver that night, but the incident was one of two selectmen considered during a public hearing before giving Andover Livery Cab Company at 19 Barnard St. a wake-up call of its own — a three-day suspension. The three-day suspension is scheduled to start June 30 at 9 a.m. and end July 3.

A 4-0 vote by the selectmen issued the suspension after determining the company had committed a total of 13 bylaw violations. Selectman Brian Major left the room during the hearing and was not present for the vote.

"I've been asked not to comment on something that is possibly going to be appealed," said Cronin on Tuesday night the day after the meeting.

Arthur McCabe, the attorney representing Andover Livery Cab Company, had no comments after the decision and

advised Michael Bellmore, the company owner, not to make a statement.

During the hearing, Cronin did not state the names of the two drivers involved in the incidents leading to the suspension, but McCabe said the driver from the May 1 incident was sitting in the audience.

Cronin, who oversees the applicants for livery licenses in town, said the driver on May 1 had been denied a town livery license on Jan. 6, but was driving anyway. Cronin said after waking the driver he stated he knew he did not have a livery license for the town of Andover due to his criminal history. Cronin said the driver's tainted past includes assault and battery of a police officer.

According to Cronin the driver did not give a clear answer when asked for whom he worked. He gave his boss' name, Bellmore, who also owns King Cab in Derry, N.H. According to Cronin, the driver admitted he didn't know where 4 Peabody Road Annex in Derry, N.H. is, even though it was on the registration. Cronin also said the driver admitted he was being dispatched out of the Andover office and waiting to see if anyone would need a ride from the station. Only prearranged fares are accept-

able in Andover and authorized individuals performing livery service through an Andover company must drive vehicles registered in Massachusetts.

McCabe pointed out none of the four fares on the driver's log sheet showed a pick-up in Andover. One did show a drop off. None of the fares showed any involvement with Derry, N.H. or airport service. Cronin said based on his log sheet it appeared the driver was conducting routine practice for an Andover livery service.

The second incident before the selectmen took place on May 22 when a different driver from the same company was stopped by Sgt. John Pathiakakis. The vehicle had New Hampshire plates and was transporting an intoxicated minor who was passed out in the back seat. Pathiakakis said the driver told him he had picked up his passenger from River Road and was bringing him to another location in Andover. According to Pathiakakis, the driver did not have his livery license on him, but one had been issued to him. Town regulations require drivers to have their valid livery license on them and the incident was the second time in a month vehicle registered to another state was conducting livery service in town.

## Fifth-grade

# A laptop for each kid; \$2,000 bill for every parent

By Meir Rinde

Every fifth-grade student in town would have a laptop computer at school under a plan administrators presented last night.

Now they just need to find half a million dollars to pay for the proposal.

The scheme would expand the schools' existing program, in which four classrooms at South Elementary and one at West Elementary are outfitted with \$2,000 laptops paid for by parents.

Teachers and principals say having individual computers in the classroom allows children to use word processing, spread-

sheets and graphics as tools in their education. They say students choose the software that helps them most and take control of their own learning.

But with the district in the process of eliminating 53 jobs, in part through teacher layoffs, administrators said money to expand the laptop program would have to come from an outside source. The plan could cost as much as \$510,757 in addition to the money parents spend on buying computers, Technology Director Ray Tode said.

"We've just made serious cuts to our budget," Superintendent

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## Launching a life boat of sorts

By Andrea Dickey

This month, "Lighthouse Kids," a vacation bible camp, has been assembling care packages to be donated to indigent seamen. This is being done with collaboration of Boston Seafarer's Friend and Andover's Faith Lutheran Church, and by working together, "Operation Shoeboxes at Sea" is well underway.

The campers have been decorating and assembling shoeboxes overflowing with little presents donated by the congregation and the local community. Boston Seafarer's Friend will deliver the shoeboxes, complete with a handmade greeting cards to merchant mariners whose ships will dock this summer in the ports around Boston.

The congregation, approximately 800 people, has been collecting toiletries, stationary, phone cards, socks, batteries, and many other items that may seem common, but are precious commodities on a ship that might not dock for a full year.

Other churches have stepped up to help, including St. Augustine in Andover, St. William in Tewksbury, Windham Presbyterian in New Hampshire, and St. Michael and St. Paul Episcopal in North Andover. Combined, these churches have contributed items to be used in the shoeboxes. Residents of Andover have also been helpful with donations.

In the last four years, the camp has grown to include campers from other churches, not just parishioners of Faith Lutheran, according to camp director Marie J. Lucca. There are currently 75 children in camp, as well as about 25 adults.

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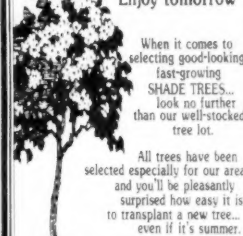
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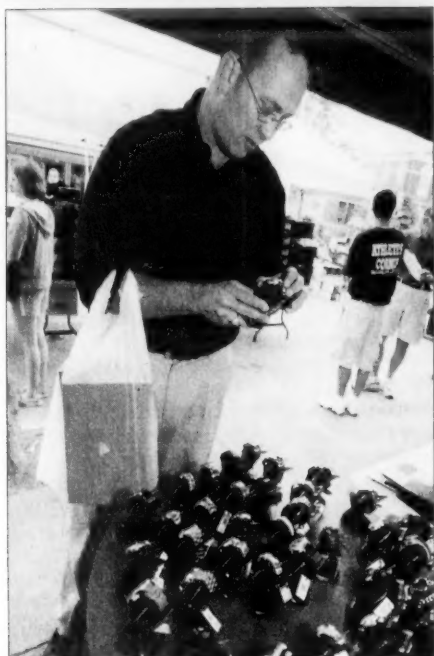
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## BAZAAR DAYS



Shoppers such as Tony Clark enjoyed Bazaar Days, the Andover Center Association's annual downtown event. Clark looked over watches displayed on Main Street by Athlete's Corner.



Though the forecast put a damper on the beginning of Bazaar Days, a bag offered by Bagette caught the eye of Stephanie Manners on Friday, June 13. Bazaar Days continued on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the weather was considerably more accommodating.



PHOTOS BY  
TIM JEAN

Though bargains are what bring people downtown for the event, food can keep them there. Travis Gagnon cooked up hot dogs from the Village Deli.



Michael Harney let out a roar once Uno the Clown finished painting a tiger face on him, as part of the extras provided by the Andover Center Association on Friday and Saturday.

## More cash for schools

Other towns show way to grants

By Bon Helman

It was a rare scene. School Committee members Tony James and Art Barber moved around the meeting room energetically. The men spoke of money for education and possible good times ahead. They were presenting their plan to bring more grant money to the Andover School System.

Barber and James found that five nearby communities manage to cash in on state and federal grant money that Andover has previously overlooked. They then toured those towns and schools to find out how they do it.

Brookline received \$763 per student in state and federal grant money last year, they said. That was compared with Andover's \$218. At least four other nearby towns outdo Andover in securing such grants.

All of the towns have a full-time grant manager working for the schools. Many also had education foundations. Barber and James say this is the key to

getting more money. "Folks, they're doing it - we can do it," said Barber.

He and James then made a televised request for community members to join a team they are in the process of constructing to get grant money. The initial steps of their plan will require volunteers, they said. The volunteers should be willing to devote time, have good writing skills, have knowledge of the grant-proposal process, a background in negotiations or the willingness to learn, they said.

The next step of the plan will be to start an education foundation, which the men say will eventually require a full-time director that will act independently from the schools administration. The foundation would fund enrichment programs, staff development and special programs. It would not fund the schools operating budget.

Those interested in contacting Barber or James can send an e-mail to them at [ah.barber@att.net](mailto:ah.barber@att.net) or [tjames-bwc@attbi.com](mailto:tjames-bwc@attbi.com).



Tony James:  
Use a grant  
manager

## Laptops for fifth-grade

■ COMPUTERS

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dent Claudia Bach told the School Committee last night. "If we move forward (with the laptop proposal) it would have to be through other means."

In the best scenario, the district would find government or private grant money to pay for the plan or a scaled-down version and begin the expansion in the 2004-2005 school year, Assistant Superintendent Marcia O'Neil said.

The laptop program began two years ago as an experiment with mobile computer labs - laptops on carts which were wheeled into classrooms at South School and the two middle schools. Their popularity led the districts to create the laptop purchase program for a fifth-grade class and two fourth-grade classes at South School.

Some families donated extra computers so children who could not afford to buy their own could still participate, and the School Department provided laptops for three teachers.

This past year the program expanded to one fifth grade classroom at West Elementary. Both schools also have laptops on carts that circulate through other classrooms, which have them for a week at a time.

Under the plan Tode presented yesterday, third graders would have simple word processor devices in class, fourth graders would use the rotating mobile computers, and fifth

graders would have individual computers. The district would spend \$60,299 on the word processor devices, \$44,800 on new batteries for the mobile laptops, \$150,000 on laptops for fifth graders who could not afford to buy the machines and \$50,400 on teacher training.

The plan also calls for \$70,000 for backup computers and \$20,258 for wireless access, printers and other equipment. Tode said the district should also hire an assistant network administrator for \$50,000, a technician for \$45,000, and a clerical assistant for \$20,000.

Extended out for five years, the plan would cost \$1.5 million, he said.

School Committee member Christopher Smith and parent Leo Chan, who both work in the computer industry, contested Tode's figures, saying they have seen high-quality laptops for under \$1,000 and the program's total cost should be closer to \$300,000.

Tode said he was presenting a "worst-case scenario," and noted that parent groups choose the model and features of the computer they will buy for their children.

Smith also said he wanted to see data showing computers helped students achieve academically before he voted for the plan. A team of Boston College researchers has been observing South School students who use laptops and will correlate the information with MCAS figures this fall.

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# Notable difference in sale units

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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towns such as Andover.

"Overall the goal is to increase affordable housing especially in suburban areas," says Aaron Gornstein, executive director for the Citizens' Housing and Planning Association. "We think it's effective."

Certainly, the "affordable" units in 40B rental projects are less pricey than the regular units in the development. But these "affordable" units cost about the same as many units that can be found in the newspaper classifieds or on real-estate lists.

Affordable and market-rate rental prices for the rental units proposed for the former Rolling Green Hotel site were suggested to the Planning Board last week.

The proposed Rolling Green project will have a number of amenities such as a swimming pool, tot lot, basketball court and gym, bonuses some would not immediately associate with "affordable housing."

The projected rents for the 48 "affordable" Rolling Green apartments? A one-bedroom apartment would cost \$975 per month, a two-bedroom unit would cost \$1,200 and a three-bedroom unit would rent for \$1,800 per month. The remaining units - out of the 191 total - were priced an additional \$500 or more per month.

Other rental units trying to make their way to Andover under 40B show similar market-rate level prices (see sidebar).

JB Doherty, of Prudential Howe and Doherty Realtors, says he has a sense of the going market rates. According to him, a one-bedroom apartment can be found for around \$1,000, and a two bedroom between \$1,200 and \$1,300.

"Wow, that must be pretty nice," he says about a \$1,600 two-bedroom apartment in town that showed up on his listing.

He says renting a small two-bedroom house for \$1,500, or a three-bedroom for \$2,000 is possible in town. He notes that location, size and amenities affect the price of units.

It is the Zoning Board of Appeals that gives the green light to 40B projects. Though some officials believe that a town under the 10-percent threshold has little hope of fighting 40B projects, Gornstein says zoning boards can negotiate rent costs during the approval process. Just as towns negotiate for longer terms for affordable units, Andover could negotiate less expensive monthly costs for its affordable 40B rental units.

"The Zoning Board of Appeals should maybe negotiate for lower rates," says Gornstein. "I think it's something that should be on the table."

"I'm not aware of any instances where rents have been negotiated," says Daniel Casper, zoning board chair. "It hasn't come before us yet."

### Following the law

The rents for the proposed 40B rental projects such as the Rolling Green project are compatible with the guidelines mandated by the state. The state says the units must be affordable for a household with a \$52,010 yearly income, which is 70 percent of the median income for the area. The median income for the area is \$74,300. The state declares "affordable" units should cost around \$1,300 per month for this area.

"It's based on a formula, so it's not rocket science," Gornstein says.

Under the state 40B regula-

## PROPOSED RENTAL PROJECTS' RENT PER MONTH

Project	affordable-unit rent	market-unit rent
<b>Avalon Bay</b> 460 River Road 29 affordable, 86 market	Planning department does not have estimated figures on file	\$1,250-\$1,423 for one bedroom \$1,575-\$1,800 for two bedroom \$1,750-\$1,900 for three BR
<b>Casco Crossing</b> 168 River Road 24 affordable 70 market	\$990 for one bedroom \$1,348 for two bedroom	\$1,100 for one bedroom \$1,600 for two bedroom
<b>Rolling Green</b> (pictured below) 311 Lowell St. 48 affordable 143 market	\$975 for one bedroom \$1,200 for two bedroom \$1,800 for three bedroom	\$1,500 for one bedroom \$1,850 for two bedroom \$2,200 for three bedroom



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## PROPOSED AFFORDABLE HOUSING: PRICE TO BUY

Project	affordable-unit cost	market-unit cost
<b>Ballardvale Crossing</b> 12-18 Dale St.	\$160,000 to \$180,000 for one of its 17 affordable units	\$330,000 for one of its 51 market-rate units
<b>Coachman's Ridge</b> 70 Haverhill St.	\$120,000 for one of its 20 affordable units	\$290,000 for one of its 60 market-rate units
<b>Greenwood Meadows</b> - 1191 Greenwood Road-	\$180,000 or more for one of its five affordable units	\$550,000 or more for one of its 15 market-rate units
<b>Wild Rose Estates</b> 1 Wild Rose Drive	\$70,000 for one of its three affordable units	\$350,000 or more for one of its nine market-rate units

ARCHITECT'S RENDERING  
At right: A design for one of the proposed units at Greenwood Meadows.

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tions, there is nothing wrong with charging \$1,200 or \$1,300 for a two-bedroom affordable unit, though Gornstein admits "It seems a little high to me."

### The difference in buying

Some 40B units - those for sale, rather than for rent - do seem to be more obviously below market value.

"Your monthly mortgage could be less (than you pay for rent)," Gornstein says. "That's probably true at the low interest rates."

Developer Bill Perkins has two forthcoming 40B projects. Ballardvale Crossing will consist of 68 units on Dale Street with a projected \$160,000 to \$180,000 price for its 17 affordable units, compared to the mar-

ket price of \$330,000 for the rest. Perkins also is hoping to bring 20 single-family homes, five of which will be affordable and projected to sell for around \$180,000, compared to the market-rate homes which will cost \$550,000.

"They'll be nicely done," says Perkins. "I would expect for this you're going to see a lot of applicants."

He says he won't be surprised to see 1,000 applicants hoping to call Greenwood Meadows home.

"I would encourage people to enter a lot of (housing) lotteries," he says. "There's a lot of projects out there that are good."

Susan Stott, Andover Housing Partnership Committee member, says Andover Commu-

nity Trust's lone house on Haverhill Street received about 100 applicants. The second ACT house, proposed for Heather Drive, isn't taking applications yet, but the projected price is \$150,000. Stott says ACT is trying to make the house affordable to a household making \$44,580 per year, which is 60 percent of the area's median income.

"I just think that the town has been economically diverse for years," says Susan Stott, who does not want to see that diversity lost by people tearing down less expensive, smaller homes and replacing them with larger ones. "Obtaining diversity is important to all of us," she says. "I know how hard it is to get into Andover."



Developer Steve Stapinski would like to turn his 69 Park St. structure into a place for both businesses and nine condominiums.

## Park Street project

By Andrea Gregory

When the harsh winds of late autumn strip the trees of leaves, Cynthia Good says she can see 69 Park St. from her home at the corner of Whittier and Summer streets. For the past four years, since she moved in, it's been a view of a single-family home, but Good knows that view will change once the plans of developer Stephen Stapinski are approved.

Stapinski wants construction begins on nine condominium units and four businesses. He says his impression is the majority of the neighborhood supports his proposal and he notes he has been actively working with residents and their ideas.

But for at least some residents, such as Good, the proposed plans, known as Park Street Crossing, raise some concern. As a member of the Committee of Neighborhood Residents, she says the purpose of expressing those concerns to the developer and Planning Board isn't about stopping the project, it's about reaching compromises and opening the developer's eyes to the residential viewpoint.

The concept of a more compact use of the property - making the project "smaller and lovely" - is key to what the neighborhood seeks, says Good.

"I think it's really the space usage," Good says about what is raising concerns. "It fills that whole property."

She says the idea of losing so much green space to building space and a 29-space parking lot is not appealing.

"Primarily the size is the first issue," she says.

Another issue is whether the plans make the proper transition between the downtown business district and the Park Street's residential district. "I really think part of the issue is which way do you look down the street. I would like for him to keep looking to his left," in the direction of the residential zone, says Good.

A survey conducted by the Committee of Neighborhood Residents, completed by 25 neighbors, three of which were commercial, showed the No. 1 concern to be the size and set back of the project and its perceived lack of green space.

But Stapinski credits himself for his familiarity with the area, having maintained a steady business at 66 Park St. for 25 years. He says he

believes his time there has given him a sense of what will thrive in the community and work within the characteristics of the neighborhood.

"Unlike Main Street, Park Street touches the residential zone," he says. "There should be some thought to transitioning the use."

Stapinski believes his project presents a good balance and an ideal use for a property zoned for mixed use on the border of residential and business zones.

"They all bought their homes after the zoning bylaw was in place," he says. "They all bought their homes knowing that."

"And I purchased property knowing what the zone was," he says.

He says he doesn't see the project getting any smaller and believes he has already complied with the request to scale back.

"I've already reduced the density," he says. He went from seeking 11 units to 10 and now to nine, where he believes the drop off should end. He says one of the units will be affordable.

Another concern of some residents is the scale of a proposed tower at the front of the structure, but Stapinski says there is a misconception about the tower's actual size. The three-story-high building will have a two-story tower, but neighbors such as Good say they would much rather see a porch or gazebo in the front of the building.

"It just catches the eye," Stapinski says about the tower that easily appears larger than actual size due to the viewpoint offered by some of the plans.

He says he tried to ease the concerns of residents who have mentioned they want to see a smaller tower. "Sometimes people don't listen, sometimes they really don't look," he says.

According to Stapinski, having the longest standing business on the street helps him know what is suitable for an area he acknowledges has a residential nature.

"Park Street really wasn't a premium street to be on," when he moved into 66 Park St. 25 years ago, he says. "Over the years the OK place became a great place."

He says the zoning bylaw would allow a restaurant or large jewelry store to enter the neighborhood at 69 Park St.

"Those aren't bad uses, but they're certainly intense uses," he says. "Constant

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# Opinion

## Rental problems

**A**PARTMENTS in Andover the state considers "affordable" under its affordable housing formulas seem to be no cheaper than apartments people can find looking in the newspaper and paying what the market will bear. At least, that's the case with the expected cost of apartments in three Chapter 40B developments proposed for Andover. Some of the proposed "affordable" rental units are plush — complete with access to swimming pools and a gym. But the concept of affordable housing isn't to create cheaper poolside verandas. It's to create homes and apartments for regular people looking for a reasonably priced place to live.

This is a mammoth flaw in the state's anti-snob zoning law. Because the Chapter 40B law can help developers skirt local zoning restrictions, neighborhoods are often opposed to developers' large proposals. While some people may be opposed to any development, others have legitimate concerns about how projects will significantly affect where they live. But if anti-snob zoning isn't even providing rental units at a price below the current market rate, there is a more basic problem with Ch. 40B.

What can be done? In the short term, Andover's zoning board should try to negotiate lower rents for proposed units, as suggested by Citizens' Housing and Planning Association, a non-profit organization that advocates for affordable housing. The Andover Housing Partnership Committee — a group formed to address affordable housing — might play a more active role. In the longer term, the state must continue to address the housing issue and look at rewriting the existing standards for what is classified as an "affordable" rental unit. According to MassINC, a nonpartisan public policy think tank, a recent poll shows 74 percent of state residents see the cost of living in Massachusetts as a problem. The top area listed as an area in need of "major improvement" is the affordability of homes.

This will come as little surprise to anyone, especially those who keep an eye on the Andover housing market. From 1998 to 2002, the expense for a family of four to live in the Essex County/Andover area rose 25 percent, in large part because of the rising costs of homes, according to the Women's Educational and Industrial Union. In that time, the union reports, housing costs have climbed from \$675 to \$923 per month.

When Andover's Vision 21 Committee asked the public what it wanted to see in the future, many residents said they wanted to help keep people from different economic backgrounds in town. If Ch. 40B isn't getting this done, officials need to fix it.

### Web question

#### Ill or good will for teacher sick days?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was: Teacher cuts could mean 82-minute study halls for some Andover High students all year long, next year. What should be done?

63 people voted.  
 • 5, or 8 percent, said "Nothing, the study halls are helpful for many students."  
 • 38, or 60 percent, said "Money should be shifted to keep more high school teachers. High school students are the only ones losing time with teachers. It's time to look out for our older students."  
 • 20, or 32 percent, said "The budget is tight. Internships, work programs and other free solutions are the best bet."

**This week's question:** Andover teachers on average took 7.4 sick days during the 2001-02 school year. Does this suggest

there is a problem with the system?

• Yes, it would be a burden for me to take seven days off from work even if I were sick — and I work year-round.

• Yes, this is a money issue because taxpayers must pay for substitutes for absent teachers. If the union wants residents to take its pleas for more money seriously it has to curtail its use of such extravagant benefits.

• No, teaching is a physically and emotionally exhausting job and we want the best people available and in good physical and mental health when they are teaching our kids.

• With the system, yes; but you can't blame that on teachers. School officials should not allow such contractual benefits or should crack down on sick-leave abusers.

To cast a vote, surf to [www.andovertownsmen.com](http://www.andovertownsmen.com).

### KNIGHT FLIGHTS



Wood Hill Middle School students enjoyed a moonwalk shaped like a castle as part of their medieval fair.

## LETTERS

### Against adios

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I write concerning the impact of the budget cuts and the serious neglect of the Andover school system.

As students at Andover High School, my classmates and I have seen a disturbing decline of not only funding, but also general compassion and concern by the taxpaying public toward Andover's educational system. The thought hit me the other day when a Spanish teacher received the infamous "pink slip" on his desk. After teaching in our school system for one year, this teacher did not have the seniority needed to stay when budget cuts so dramatically affected staff. Despite his substantial level of experience, having spent 14 years of his life living in a Spanish-speaking country, where he taught many subjects in a different language, this incredible teacher was asked not to return. This teacher tried to share his knowledge of the language and culture with students of the town where he grew up. What a sad commentary on the priorities of the taxpaying public! It is amazing to me how easily people can dismiss great teachers without batting an eye, and yet find the money somewhere to build a new senior center or safety center.

In my years at Andover High School, and having spent all of my school years in Andover, I was fortunate to have had some extraordinary teachers, but the decline in the level of education is palpable. Less classroom instruction and larger class sizes are commonplace. The people of Andover must understand that for years their town has upheld an exceptional educational program. The town needs to keep it that way.

The citizens of Andover need to understand that these are their successors. Students are the future. In a town as wealthy as Andover, it is a shame that people can be so stingy. In times of serious financial constraints, the schools' share of the budget should be the last to be cut. The strong educational program is what influences people to move to Andover and it is what makes Andover such a desirable town. How could Andover, with such a prestigious school system, let education become a last priority?

Meredith Hutchins  
3 Poplar Terrace

### About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall started the file two years ago and sent it to 10 people. Today it is sent to more than 10,000.

The Web site for his creation is [www.hudsonvanloo.ca](http://www.hudsonvanloo.ca).

## The \$3,000 question



Neil Fater

Imagine you are sitting at your high-school graduation with about 390 other kids. Perhaps you're thinking about the year ahead, or the year that just ended. About throwing your goofy mortarboard in the air. About not tripping when you go to grab your diploma.

And then the principal, in the middle of his speech about selfless people who have done amazing things, calls out your name. He makes you squeeze by 20 other kids in your row and walk across an arena filled with people to stand next to him. He asks you if you'll be the representative of the entire class of 2003, and you answer "yes."

Then he gives you \$3,000 and tells you that you can do anything you want with it — but you have to come back in four years and tell the graduating class of 2007 exactly what you did with it.

That, people, was graduation day for Andover High School's Greg Martin, who was as dumbfounded as everyone else at the Tsongas Arena when Principal Peter Anderson gave him the money. Anderson told only one teacher about the gift beforehand, and it took the entire audience by surprise.

"He had this whole speech about people who do great things, and then I hear my name," says Martin, "and I was like, Oh, wow — no pressure there."

Anderson says the money comes from friends who wanted to do something for a student. Anderson selected Martin because "in the course of the speech I talked about five things about this graduating class, so I looked for a kid that I thought had all of those things," he said. Enter Martin. Adults fretting that the sky is falling — and that kids are too busy watching *The Anna Nicole Show* to notice — can take heart. Anderson says the members of the 2003 graduating class, such as Martin:

- have a clear sense of personal values;
- possess a strong belief in the importance of family;
- give of themselves;
- show concern for others in the school; and
- take action that requires giving themselves permission to succeed or fail.

"I have been more enthusiastic about this generation than I have been about my own, and it's because of these five things," says Anderson.

That last of the five — giving oneself permission to succeed or fail — is why Anderson says Martin has complete freedom to use the cash as he sees fit. "I was giving it to him as the agent for his class. Now, if he wants to go to Foxwoods and 'invest it' I guess he could too," says Anderson. "I think to put any restrictions on it would

refute the part of giving yourself permission to succeed or fail."

Sure, Anderson hopes the money will be used for a charitable activity in the name of the class. He laughs about Martin spending the money on four years of McDonald's burgers.

"I'd like to think he'd invest the \$3,000 in the stock market, make some money and give it to something like cancer research, but I have no idea," says Anderson. "I'll be intrigued four years from now to find out like everyone else. It's sort of like the time capsule waiting to open."

Martin has already considered several options for what to do with the money.

He says his best friend, a second-generation Chinese-American, told him about an overseas program he's thought about supporting. "For \$50 you can sponsor a child who otherwise wouldn't get an education," says Martin. He might also ask some of Andover's big businesses to match the \$3,000 and create a new scholarship.

"I really don't want to stand up there in four years and say I lost the money on some stock that didn't do so well," says Martin. Anderson laughed with Martin when he retold the story of an Illinois kid who did lose all the money in the stock market, when Anderson was principal there. That took the pressure off, says Martin.

Anderson plans to give money to an Andover graduate each year. "If I do it long enough, maybe I will run into somebody who will go to McDonald's and spend it all," he laughs.

But Anderson doesn't worry about that someone being Martin. He has faith in the kid. Heck, he has faith in the kid's generation.

He notes Martin wasn't the valedictorian, but was a diligent student. He won't get a full ride to college because he's a athletic superstar, but he was a mainstay of the lacrosse team. He overcame personal challenges, including an illness, says Anderson, and Martin understands the importance of family. He started a program to help boys at the high school. Martin says the idea was to give younger kids who felt uncomfortable at the school someone older to say "Hi" to in the halls, someone who could show them the ropes, without giving them a rope burn.

"When he commits to something, he does it with as much energy as he can muster," says Anderson. "He's a very modest kid and a very humble kid. In my mind, he was one of the right choices (to give the cash to)."

Martin, one of several kids Anderson could have given the money to, is considering exactly what kind of good he can do in the world with \$3,000.

Who knows? When the time capsule opens, Anderson's investment just may be the best \$3,000 investment of the 2003. Have a little faith.

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## THE THURSDAY FILE

He who asks is a fool for five minutes, but he who does not ask remains a fool forever.

CHINESE PROVERB

When I face the desolate impossibility of writing 500 pages, a sick sense of failure falls on me, and I know I can never do it. Then gradually, I write one page and then another. One day's work is all I can permit myself to contemplate.

JOHN STEINBECK

By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third, by experience, which is the bitterest.

CONFUCIUS

### The Eleanor Roosevelt quotation

Friendship with oneself is all-important because without it one cannot be friends with anyone else in the world.

I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book.

GROUCHO MARX

Friendship is a single soul living in two bodies.

ARISTOTLE

Be bold. If you're going to make an error, make it a doozey and don't be afraid to hit the ball.

BILLIE JEAN KING

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## LETTERS

## Lincoln development would be truckload of trouble

Editor, *Townsmen*:

This weekend I visited the site of the proposed 69 Park St. project. The consensus of views reported last week is accurate: Fitting 20,000 square feet of development onto a space that currently holds a single-family house is like trying to squeeze a whale into a children's fish tank.

However, I need to correct one misstatement in the otherwise well-reported piece: The letter from the 12-year-old youth, and the petition signed by some 64 neighbors, actually addressed another, equally objectionable project that is currently before the Planning Board. It's the one local resident Mark Towner called attention to on the letters page June 12.

A developer bought the O'Hara farmstead on Lincoln Street seven years ago, and has since proposed building eight houses in various configurations. The current proposal would level the terrain, cut into an esker, and transport thousands of truckloads of earth off the property. Each of these aspects requires the Planning Board to grant variances from the town's bylaws governing responsible development.

A traffic consultant describes Lincoln Street for the Planning Board as "a typical New England country road." It is 18 feet wide in places (less in February), so school buses must pass with care. Since we are adjacent to both the high school and to West Middle School, we see many

school buses, and with fees to ride buses next year for seventh- to 12th-graders, we will see a lot more young people walking to school. Additionally, about 20 youngsters live on the street, and they like to ride their scooters and play ball.

For Lincoln Street residents, pedestrians and school children, the proposed development would bring both a volume and a size of construction vehicles that is incompatible with the current ambiance and use of the street. One neighbor points out that 8.5-foot-wide dump trucks have little clearance when passing on an 18-foot-wide road. A civil engineer from Allen Majors told the Planning Board on Feb. 28 that hauling all the earth off the property would require at least 2,800 dump-truck trips, and then a similar number to bring back replacement earth. This would mean a dirty dump truck rumbling up or down Lincoln Street every 10 minutes from 8 to 4, daily, for nearly six months.

It seems most unfair to ask local residents to put up with this sort of misery for the sake of a development that doesn't conform to several of our town's bylaws. Lincoln Street residents and those who use the street to access the schools or to enjoy a pleasant evening stroll are united in asking the Planning Board to deny these variances.

David and Roselle Heckendorn  
11 Lincoln St.

## Column

## Bringing dictators to court sends message

By Hao Wang

*Phillips Academy Class of 2003*

There were times in the past when we felt our voices too weak and the United States too distant from countries like Cambodia, Rwanda, Romania and the former Soviet Union to stop dictators and fascists from massacring innocents. We could only turn the pages of our daily paper in silent anger.

President George Bush recently took military action to stop Saddam Hussein in his tracks, but public support was divided as to the necessity of inflicting more damage on a suffering nation. Dictators and perpetrators of crimes against humanity, however, may soon be reminded that there is another consequence of their path of absolute and reckless power — a public trial in a U.S. court. Although there have been notable precedents, such as the trial of Slobodan Milosevic and the sentencing of former Nazi Gestapo guards, eyes will be on a lawsuit against the former leader of the People's Republic of China, Jiang Zemin, in a federal district court in Chicago on charges of genocide and other crimes against humanity.

The case against Jiang is unprecedented. No Chinese nationals at home or abroad have ever dared to hold top Communist Party officials legally accountable for crimes they have committed. The PRC has been known to have a long arm, and fear of retaliation has kept silent all but the most determined individuals.

This lawsuit may bring about positive changes in China. The publicity will discourage other Chinese officials from committing human-rights atrocities.

Knowing that one day they may be held accountable, they will be more restrained in their crackdowns when carrying out "orders from above." If this case goes forward, more lawsuits against other corrupt party officials in China and against dictators of other repressive regimes may soon follow, paving the way for a public review of repressive regimes where no real checks and balances exist.

Many foreign reporters in China will be happy to see a public lawsuit brought against Jiang. He has appeared five years in a row on the list of "Ten Worst Enemies of the Press" published by the Committee to Protect Journalists. In a single year, China imprisoned 22 reporters and retained its title as "the world's leading jailer of journalists." Also, China has attempted to railroad the implementation of Article 23 in Hong Kong, an "anti-subversion" law that would subject Hong Kong, which has a long history of freedom of expression, to the same chokehold restrictions as the mainland.

This case against Jiang will be good news to persecuted groups such as Tibetans, Christians, proponents of democracy and Falun Gong practitioners. Jiang considers practitioners of Falun Gong, a spiritual meditation practice once actively promoted by the government for its health benefits, to be the most dangerous public enemies, even though they are primarily women and the elderly. According to the Falun Dafa Information Center, Jiang was responsible for the deaths of more than 700 practitioners, most of whom were tortured to death while in custody.

Already, the effects of this lawsuit can be felt. Reportedly,

after learning about the case, a terrified Jiang repeatedly pressured the U.S. government to drop this lawsuit. The Chinese ambassador sent letters to each of the 535 offices in the House and Senate, blasting it. Meanwhile, the Bush administration wrote an *amicus curiae* brief to the court asking that the lawsuit be dismissed due to diplomatic concerns.

More than three dozen members of Congress responded with an *amicus curiae* brief urging the continuation of this lawsuit against Jiang. Citing interests in human rights and the separation of justice and diplomacy, the bipartisan congressional group criticized the Bush administration for placing the interests of the PRC before the principles of the United States.

Of the 39 U.S. Congressmen who signed this *amicus* brief, five are from Massachusetts — Stephen Lynch, James McGovern, Barney Frank, Richard Neal, and Edward Markey. From the Massachusetts Statehouse, Representatives Martin Walsh and Mark Carron also initiated a "Dear colleague" letter to the state Congressional delegation in support of this lawsuit.

The genocide case against Jiang is more than a simple complaint. It is a nonviolent way to fully expose the crimes of the defendant and, by holding him publicly accountable, emphasizes the vital importance of human rights and the rule of law to all repressive, totalitarian regimes. It is setting a precedent for all humanity, while testing and re-establishing the power behind the principles upon which the United States and all democracies are founded — liberty and justice for all.

## Does town hire the most qualified for its schools?

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I would like to ask the citizens of Andover whether they feel the Andover school system is providing them the biggest bang for their buck.

I know the statement is crudely put, however, I am trying to match the rhetorical style of the assistant principal of the Wood Hill Middle School who informed me the school had decided to place a shop teacher in an English teaching position because they wanted someone who could "hit the ground running."

Inspires confidence, doesn't it?

My credentials include an undergraduate degree from

Detroit's Marygrove College, with a double major, humanities and political science, and a minor in journalism; extensive graduate work (56 quarter hours) in English that falls short of a master's degree by the thesis alone, and a master's in Celtic Studies (essentially, literary history) with highest honors from Harvard.

While I served as a contract teacher for only one year, teaching seventh grade English and eighth grade American history, I substituted for four years, including two years in Detroit. I have been a library page and worked in book stores. I have also been a disc jockey and a journalist. For 14 years, I was an

active member of a book group.

Good citizens, don't you think that someone who has an extensive academic background in literature and a demonstrated love of books as well as professional experience as a writer and editor is better suited to teach English to your sixth graders than a technology teacher?

I highly recommend that if Andover is facing the same budget constraints most of the communities in the Commonwealth will face during academic 2003-04 that it economize not by reducing the number of teachers, but the number of assistant principals. I also recommend that as a community, it take it upon itself to examine the backgrounds of its faculties. They may not be as qualified as residents would wish.

Susan Alexis Wozniak  
12 Allen Road  
Winchester

(Editor's note: Patrick Bucco, Wood Hill's assistant principal, said the teacher chosen is a technology teacher who can "hit the ground running" because he has an language arts certification and already knows the students at the school. "He was the best choice for our students and that's always our priority," said Bucco.)

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## Planning to decide on one of two options

### MARLAND

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land Street residents because it looks nicer.

The board will review the waivers needed for both plans, but also look at the matter of land preservation and appearance versus safety.

Planning Director Steve Colyer has questioned why anyone would want to exacerbate a situation where fire trucks would need to use driveways to back up and exit an area.

"Why just keep building on bad planning?" he asked after a meeting last week.

But residents of Marland Street told the Planning Board they can live with the current exit methods for large trucks on their street if it means they can preserve more open space. The new plan — the one that would not allow a turn-around area for trucks — would donate two acres of land to the Andover Conservation Commission.

"The fire truck comes up the hill and back down," said Tim McCarron, of 33 Marland St. "Come and see. It's a very creative process."

Board members said they

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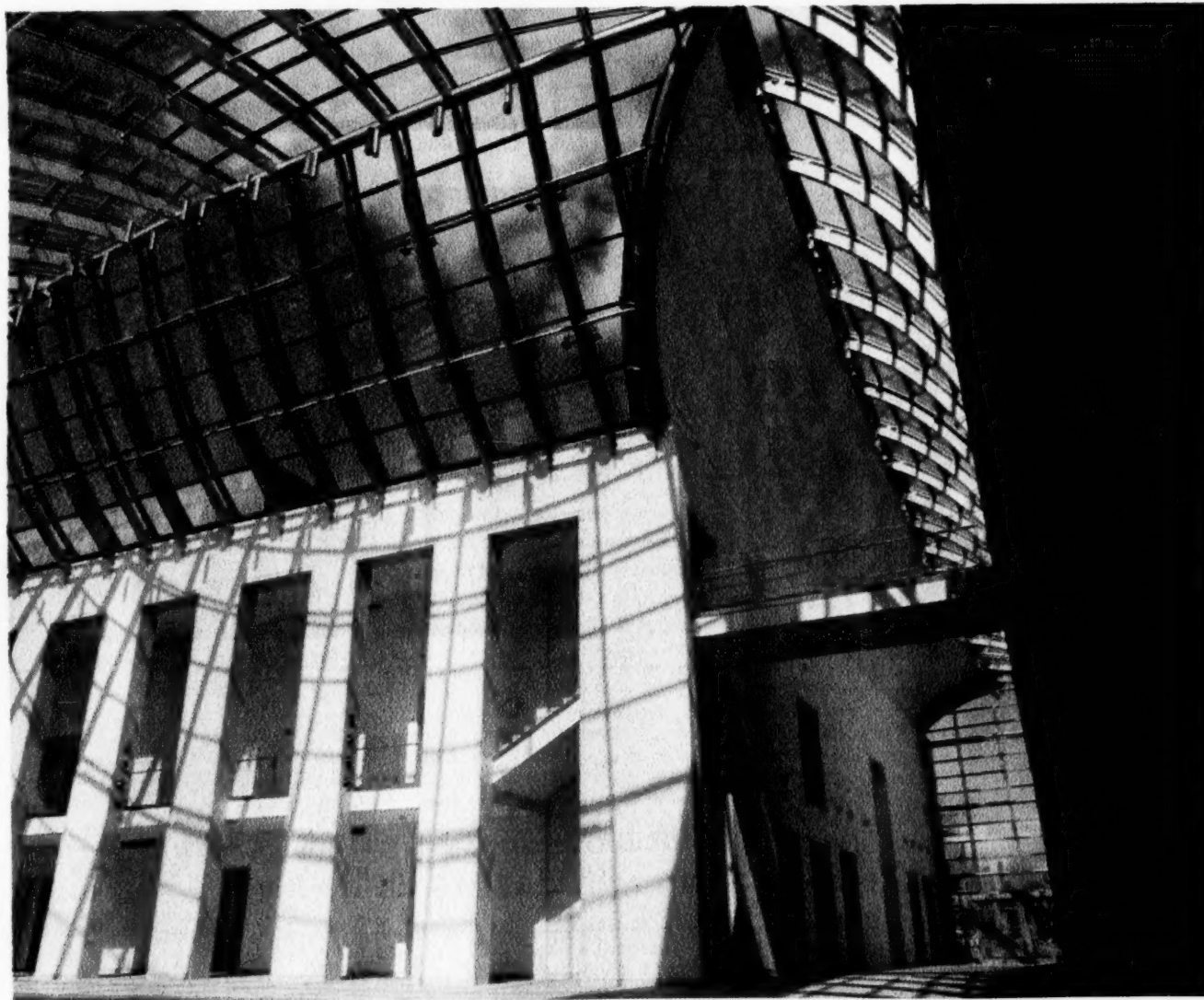
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Former Andover Police Chief David Nicol was remembered warmly by the crowd. He died earlier this year. He joined the force in 1937 and worked up the ranks to police chief, serving from 1953 to 1980.

Salutes were also plentiful for three current police officers honored for the good job that they do. Sgt. John Pathi-



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Pathiakis didn't deny his work ethic, as he thanked his wife, Nancy, at the podium when

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Next up for awards were Sgt. Rick Edson and Officer James Haggerty, who received Meritorious Lifesaving Medals. They responded to a car fire on York Street last February and pulled an unconscious man to safety.

"God was on our side that day. We were able to pull him out of there," said Sgt. Edson.

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Anderson might have been thinking of graduate Nels Nelson when he made the statement. But even when Nelson is up in Maine next year, he will still be all over the AHS computer network - or at least his work will be.

After all, the school owes its home page to Nelson, who put it together for an independent study.

All computers in the lab automatically open up to the page he designed. He also created the "Senior Highlight" video, showcasing the senior class trip, the prom and other memorable events.

Nelson's interests don't end with computers and technology. He organized the Andover Film Festival, held at Old Town Hall, where students from Andover or from nearby colleges submitted their own films. This year, the event was canceled due to lack of interest, but in the past, there have been too many entries to accommodate. "Last year, we had 20 entries, and we had to cut it down, to keep it under two hours," Nelson said. He estimates that several hundred people were in attendance.

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On the opposite end of the police spectrum was a table filled with several retirees of the APD. Many worked in the police department for more than 30 years. Collectively, they represented more than 193 years of service to the town, MacKenzie said. They included Lloyd Belbin, Joseph Hastings, Jake Jacobson, George Miller, Frank Froburg, Joe Ouellette and Joe Bernhardt.

Former Andover Police Chief David Nicol was remembered warmly by the crowd. He died earlier this year. He joined the force in 1937 and worked up the ranks to police chief, serving from 1953 to 1980.

Salutes were also plentiful for three current police officers honored for the good job that they do. Sgt. John Pathi-



From left, Officer James Haggerty and Sgt. Rick Edson received Meritorious Lifesaving Medals from Chief Brian Pattullo and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.



At left, Jennie Murnane and Andrew Cornell. At right, Andrew's parents, Nancy and Doug Cornell.



Bunny and Bill Downs are among the couples sharing a dance at the Policeman's Ball.

akis received the Officer Robert T. Black Memorial Award, named in honor of Andover's only police officer killed in the line of duty. The police force votes for the recipient every year.

Known as "johnny-on-the-spot" around the police station, Pathiakis serves as training supervisor and works closely with new recruits.

"I once saw him in his pajamas in the office. He's always working," MacKenzie said.

Pathiakis didn't deny his work ethic, as he thanked his wife, Nancy, at the podium when

he got the award from Chief Brian Pattullo.

"I want to thank my wife for putting up with me. She sees me seldom," he said, which prompted MacKenzie to joke, "as long as there's a (pay)check every Wednesday, she's fine."

Next up for awards were Sgt. Rick Edson and Officer James Haggerty, who received Meritorious Lifesaving Medals. They responded to a car fire on York Street last February and pulled an unconscious man to safety.

"God was on our side that day. We were able to pull him out of there," said Sgt. Edson.

Finally, a Citizen's Service Medal was awarded to Patrick Hagerty of Andover, who also helped out at the scene of that car fire. Hagerty, who is the son of a retired police officer and brother of patrol Officer Timothy Hagerty, did not attend the ball. Selectmen will honor him at a future meeting.

Chief Pattullo said the good-sized crowd was indicative of the police support around town and "it was great to see."

"The 75 people who work in the building are the best people to have to protect the town," he said. "I'm the envy of the Merrimack Valley police chiefs because I have such a great group of people."

Pairing Native Sun and Glory restaurant for a benefit fashion show succeeded again.



Patrick Hagerty was awarded this Citizen's Service Medal for helping at the scene of a car fire.

## 2003 AHS graduate profile: Nels Nelson



AHS graduate Nels Nelson.

By Andrea Dickey

AS PRINCIPAL Peter Anderson praised the technological talents of Andover High School's graduating class of 2003, he said, "There are some of you who are downright scary in what you can do... That's why we keep you off the school computer network."

Anderson might have been thinking of graduate Nels Nelson when he made the statement. But even when Nelson is up in Maine next year, he will still be all over the AHS computer network – or at least his work will be.

After all, the school owes its home page to Nelson, who put it together for an independent study.

All computers in the lab automatically open up to the page he designed. He also created the "Senior Highlight" video, showcasing the senior class trip, the prom and other memorable events.

Nelson's interests don't end with computers and technology. He organized the Andover Film Festival, held at Old Town Hall, where students from Andover or from nearby colleges submitted their own films. This year, the event was canceled due to lack of interest, but in the past, there have been too many entries to accommodate. "Last year, we had 20 entries, and we had to cut it down, to keep it under two hours," Nelson said. He estimates that several hundred people were in attendance.

He said teacher Joe Spanos deserves credit for inspiring him, not only in his TV production class, but also by sponsoring numerous independent studies in film-making and

editing.

Nelson will be attending Bates College in Maine this fall, to study liberal arts. Why not film? "If I study film, I'm worried that I won't eat," he said. He does plan to do plenty of skiing, and may join the lacrosse team.

If Nelson changes his mind about film-making, he might gain plenty of material this summer. This past Tuesday he started out on a two-month, cross-country road trip with fellow graduates Ian Wittenber and Scott Chamberlin.

They will be driving a 1993 Dodge Caravan through Chicago, Denver, stopping at Arches National Park, Zion National Park, and the Grand Canyon, with hopes that the van won't break down. They'll finish by driving through Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

Then, for Nelson, it's off to Maine.

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## SCOUT NEWS



Troop 76 visited Battleship Cove in Fall River. In the back row (from left): Bob Stocks, Scoutmaster Don Milligan, Jeff Picard, Tom Fuerst, Nick Warne, Tommy Fuerst, David Ramsdell, Chris Picard, Steven Moore, Matt Hoyt, Mark Kaluzny. Middle row: Chris Warne, Robert Stocks, Jeremy Hayman, Harrison Ganem, Zack King, Ryan Mazur, Tom Huntley, Max Tonks, Sayo Maldari, Mike Kaluzny. Front row: Eric Ginzberg, John Wurts, Barrett Flynn, Rusty Treger, Dennis Hacker.

The members of Boy Scout Troop 76 recently visited Battleship Cove in Fall River. The Scouts climbed aboard the many ships on display there and visited the National PT Boat Museum, also at that location.

The destroyer *USS Joseph P. Kennedy Jr.*, which played a role in the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the World War II submarine *USS Lionfish* are both national historic landmarks. Each is open to the public and contains the national museum for its respective class of ship.

The Scouts were also able to investigate the *Hiddensee*, a corvette with a multi-national history. It was built in the former USSR for East Germany, then served the reunified German Navy. It was then transferred to the US Navy and used for testing and research before being put on display at Battleship Cove.

Troop 76 had lunch on the World War II veteran battleship *USS Massachusetts*. The Scouts were able to view the extensive exhibits on the ship including one on PT boats, one for submarines, a model aircraft exhibit, and a working machine shop. The *Massachusetts* saw action in both the Atlantic and the Pacific during the war, and never lost a man in combat, organizers said.

The Troop spent Saturday night at Camp Buxton, Narragansett Council BSA in Rehoboth. There they enjoyed a dinner called "steak tip surprise," and roasted marshmallows over a campfire.

Troop 76 is a member of the Yankee Clipper Council, Boy Scouts of America. The troop is sponsored by the BallardVale United Church.

At the Girl Scouts of Spar and Spindle Council's annual meeting held this spring, four women from Andover were recognized for their years of service and outstanding volunteer commitment to Girl Scouting.

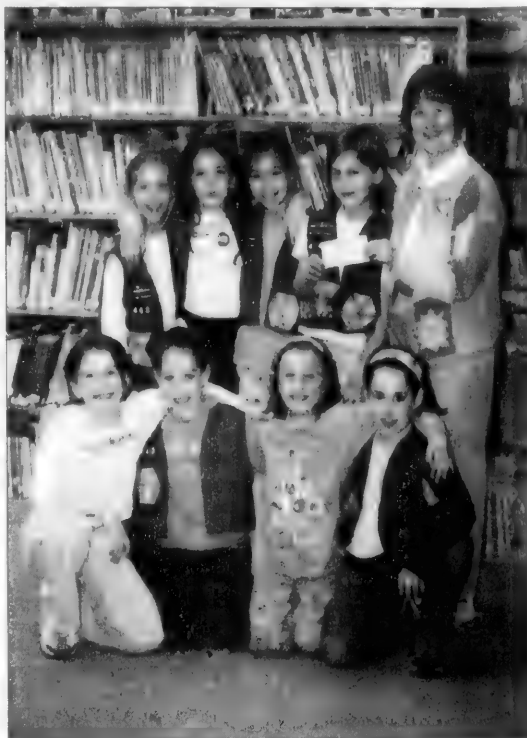
Margaret "Kiki" Schneider has been an active Girl Scout volunteer for 30 years. Schneider has served as a leader, co-leader, service team member and a trainer for both leadership and outdoor courses. At the ceremony, Schneider was awarded her 30-Year Pin as well as the Honor Pin, which was introduced in 1987 and is given to an individual only once. This pin recognizes that the recipient has gone above and beyond the expectations of her position and that her service has affected two or more neighborhoods and contributes to the Council's goals and objectives. Schneider was one of only two women presented with this honor at the ceremony.

Joan Dollard, also of Andover, was recognized for 25 years of involvement with the Girl Scouts and was presented with her 25-Year Pin at the meeting.

Two Andover Girl Scout troop leaders, Ellen Clancy and Barbara Wait, were awarded Rookie of the Year, an award given to leaders who have exceeded expectations during their first year as a Girl Scout leader. They have provided girls with a well-balanced program, interacted with other troops in the neighborhood and have utilized council and local resources.

Local Boy and Cub Scouts delivered 8,843 units of food this spring to area food pantries, helping to stock shelving and ensure that a growing need is being met in a depressed economy. Scouts affiliated with the Yankee Clipper Council's North Essex District delivered non-perishable food items to Bread & Roses, Lazarus House, Neighbors in Need, St. Vincent dePaul and People's Pantry. According to Scout officials, this year's number of items collected was 15 percent more than last year's 7,700 canned and boxed donations.

◀ Cub Scout Den 10 Pack 73 visited the Memorial Hall Library on June 11 to learn how to locate books. Children's Librarian Kate Belczyk led the scouts on a tour of the Children's Room - one of the things they need to do to earn their communicator badge. In photo (from left) are Den Leader Bob Maye, Chris Quartararo, Jesse Crane, Kyle Hagan, Will Maye and Children's Librarian Kate Belczyk; in front is Thomas Rogers.



Brownie Troop 443, second-graders at South School, ran a successful Girl Scout cookie drive this year. Money was raised to help pay for an art museum sleepover and an end-of-the-year party. The Brownies decided to donate the leftover funds to the South School library. An \$80 check was given to school librarian Jean Pendergrass in appreciation of the selection of books these girls have enjoyed reading. These Brownies know that with their donation, additional books may be purchased. From top left are Piper Curtis, Sarah Gustus, Ceara Donovan and Amy Ginsberg. From bottom left are Rachel Huntley, Nicole Anino, Annie Murphy and Rachel Annino.



Daisy Troop 565 was recently given a tour of the new Safety Center by Safety Officer Bob Cronin. Those who attended that day were (from left): Tealia Madden, Ashley Garcia, Sarah Rothman, Officer Cronin, Elizabeth Millar, Aleah Walsh and Julia Sambuco.



Cub Scout Pack 76 participated in a South School flag ceremony on Friday, May 23 commemorating Memorial Day. The Pack donated to South School an American flag flown over the US Capitol. The entire school attended the flag ceremony, along with the Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelo Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts.



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## SOCIAL NOTEBOOK



Having some fun working the money wheel at Temple Emanuel Sisterhood's Casino Night are Ronna and Cliff Markell.



Stan Riener and Lori Aronovitz gather an enthusiastic crowd for a spin of the wheel in roulette. Eric Holstein, Marc Mosier, Barbara Holstein, Ellen Mosier and Camille Maren.

group set to work removing the accumulation of winter sand at the curbs, weeding flowerbeds and adding mulch around the BallardVale Green. Later the group moved on to the center of BallardVale to clean up the triangle at the railroad tracks, where additional volunteers joined their ranks.

According to Diane Derby of Center Street, at a later date, the posts and chain surrounding the green will be repainted. A recently formed group, Friends of the BallardVale Green, will meet soon for an organizational meeting to establish a schedule for planting flowers and providing care for them throughout the spring, summer and fall.

Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Richard Bowen.



Tracey Meech, social program director at Marland Place, with honored volunteers Faye Gruber and Jean Kotchman.

ian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St.

*Marija*, which is narrated by actress Olympia Dukakis and co-produced by feminist writer and activist Starhawk, provides a lens into the world of Marija Gimbutas, who organizers say revolutionized the thinking about the origins of Western civilization.

Gimbutas discovered, through excavations in Neolithic Europe, a culture which was peaceful and egalitarian and which had a rich spiritual tradition based on life-affirming goddess images. *Marija* has footage from the excavation sites, which provides viewers with the living landscapes in which Gimbutas' discoveries were made. The film also contains interviews and archival materials, interspersed with on-location photography and still photographs.

Read is best known for her Women and Spirituality film trilogy (*Goddess Remembered*, *The Burning Times*, and *Full Circle*), which she directed, edited, and co-produced with the National Film Board of Canada.

The talk and film are free and open to the public. No pre-registration is required.

A reception with Read will follow her talk.



Donna Read

The Temple Emanuel Sisterhood hosted a Casino Night on Saturday June 14 at the Hillview Country Club in North Reading.

Annual reports were read and new officers for the next season were named. They are Elizabeth Klaiman, president; Helen Davey, first vice-president; Elizabeth Keefe, second vice-president; Emily Cook, recording secretary; Rosemary Surrette, corresponding secretary; and Caroline Young, treasurer.

The Shawsheen Village

Woman's Club held its final meeting of the 2002-03 season on May 8 at the Hillview Country Club in North Reading.

Annual reports were read and new officers for the next season were named. They are Elizabeth Klaiman, president; Helen Davey, first vice-president; Elizabeth Keefe, second vice-president; Emily Cook, recording secretary; Rosemary Surrette, corresponding secretary; and Caroline Young, treasurer.

Marna Moorhead and Mary Lee were hostesses for the luncheon buffet. The club, founded in 1921 as part of the National Federation of Woman's Clubs, has as its purpose "To Learn, To Teach, To Serve, To Enjoy." As service projects, the club provides batteries to the veterans at Tewksbury Hospital; members do volunteer work for various community groups; and the club raises funds for three \$500 scholarships each year.

This year's scholarship winners are Amy Palmieri, Andover High, who will study liberal arts at Tufts University; Tom Huang, Andover High, who will study engineering at Cornell University; and Debora DeNelo, Greater Lawrence Technical School, who will attend Northern Essex Community College for two years with plans to complete her studies in nursing at Salem State College.

Quota International of Andover recently held its annual installation dinner meeting at Indian Ridge Country Club. Nancy Dube, outgoing president, introduced Linda Bonetti, the District 29 governor.

Louise Hadad conducted the initiation of new members Eileen Reilly and Elaine Stein.

Bonetti then installed the following officers assisted by Dube: president, Beth Poulo; president elect, Kiki Schneider; treasurer, Lynn Rothstein; and directors Sue Adams, Linda Hentschel, Lisa Green and Jean Comstock.

Nancy Faye Glass, secretary, who was unable to attend, will be installed at a later date.

Linda Hentschel, last year's winner, presented the Merit Award to Vena Coco and Mary Smith. It is given annually to a member (or in this case to two members) who have made out-

standing contributions to the club.

Coco has been an active member for more than 11 years including being a charter member. She has served on both the service and ways and means committees, as well as others. Following a year of being president-elect, she became president. She has also served on the board as a director. Coco, the owner of Vena Coco Collections, lives in Andover with her husband, Cornelius.

Smith has been a member for more than nine years. She has served on both the service and ways and means committees and co-chaired and chaired the ways and means committee as well. She has also been on the board as treasurer. Smith works in accounting and is employed by Toscano and Ardito. She lives in Andover with her husband, Donald.

A small, but energetic group of BallardVale residents gathered early Saturday morning, May 17, for the "first annual" BallardVale Spring Clean-up, organized by BallardVale Historic District Commission member Richard Bowen. Following coffee, donuts and bagels, the

Marland Place independent and assisted living community, 15 Stevens St., honored its many volunteers recently by holding its annual volunteer banquet, where volunteers of all ages were treated to a buffet-style dinner and given a gift of appreciation by Marland's social program director, Tracey Meech.

Marland Place has more than 50 volunteers age 10 and older. Most of Marland's volunteers come from Andover, but there are many who come from surrounding towns. Volunteering at Marland has many different meanings - many volunteer by visiting residents, helping out with activities and special events, doing crafts and running the country store.

Marland even has two "four-legged" volunteers, according to Meech. Two very friendly golden retrievers visit residents and guests on a regular basis.

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Filmmaker Donna Read will talk about her new film *Marija*, a one-hour documentary about the life and work of archaeologist Marija Gimbutas, at its East Coast premiere Sunday, June 22, at 7 p.m. at the Unitar-



Hostesses for Shawsheen Village Woman's Club luncheon were Marna Moorhead (left) and Mary Lee.



At Quota's annual installation dinner meeting are, from left: (back row) Jean Comstock, Lynn Rothstein, Lisa Green, Linda Hentschel and Sue Adams; (front row) Kiki Schneider and Beth Poulo; (absent) Nancy Faye Glass.



Above, from left: Steve Derby, Chris Huntress, M.P. Bogan and Perry Raffi clear dirt and sand from the center of BallardVale. Right photo: BallardVale Historic District Commission member Richard Bowen, organizer of the clean-up, takes a break on the BallardVale Green.



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## OBITUARIES

## Arthur H. Covell

## Managed poultry farm

Arthur H. Covell, 92, died Tuesday, June 3 in Santa Clara, Calif.

He was born in Medway. Mr. Covell was manager of Flying Feather poultry breeding farm in Andover from 1943 to 1954, and research supervisor for Colonial Poultry Farms in Pleasant Hill, Mo. from 1955 to 1977.

He was past master of the Cochichewick Lodge AF&AM and North Andover Grange and an elder in the Presbyterian Church in Pleasant Hill, Mo.

Members of his family include his wife of 64 years, Ruth H. (Bradstreet) Covell; three daughters; a sister, Ruth Nason; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church, 5370 Snell Ave., San Jose, CA 95123.

## Joseph A. Ellis Jr.

## Lived in Andover for the last 30 years

Joseph A. Ellis, Jr., 64, a longtime Andover resident formerly of Wakefield, died at home.

He was raised in Wakefield and was a graduate of Malden Technical High School. He lived in Andover for the past 30 years.

Mr. Ellis was retired from Local 17 Sheet Metal Workers Union. He also served in the U.S. Navy.

Members of his family include his wife, Dorothy L. (Fulton) Ellis; sons, Joseph A. Ellis III of Laconia, N.H. and Robert W. Ellis of Andover; a daughter, Candace Ellis of Sandown, N.H.; a brother, Mark Ellis of Groton; a sister, Donna Conway and her husband, Cresto, of Wakefield; and one grandson.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, June 18 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the McDonald

Funeral Home, 19 Yale Ave., Wakefield.

A Mass will be celebrated today, Thursday, June 19 at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, Wakefield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01841.

## Adolph E. VanLaethem

## Co-owner of Bedford Center Market

Adolph E. VanLaethem, 94, of Andover, died Sunday, June 15, at Blair House in Tewksbury.

He co-owned Bedford Center Market in Bedford before retiring.

Born in Belgium, Mr. VanLaethem came to this country at the age of 12.

Members of his family include his wife, Gladys M. (Dyer) VanLaethem; sons, Frank T. VanLaethem of Andover and Adolph E. VanLaethem Jr. and his wife Ann of Auburn; daughter, Sandra Beaulieu of Port Orange, Fla.; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

There were no calling hours. Funeral services will be private. Cremation took place. Arrangements were by Charles

Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover.

## Marguerite M. Richard

## Attended schools in Lawrence

Marguerite M. (Hynes) Richard, 82, of Andover, died Tuesday, June 10.

Born in Lawrence, Mrs. Richard was a graduate of both St. Mary's Grammar and High Schools in Lawrence. She was an attendant of St. Mary's Church in Lawrence.

She was the widow of Harold Richard.

Members of her family include a son, John Richard and his wife Dottie of Methuen; a daughter, Mary Anne Gilbert and her husband Neal of Andover; grandson, Craig Richard and his wife Heidi of Salem, N.H.; a sister, Anne Perkins of Methuen; and two nephews.

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Pauline G. Couture, 81  
Arthur H. Covell, 92  
Joseph A. Ellis, Jr., 64  
Louise Ann Hayes, 80  
Phyllis R. Kelly, 75  
Louis Kelly, 78  
Alice M. Nelligan, 97  
Sadie Paulowski, 86  
Marguerite M. Richard, 82  
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COUTURE - Pauline G. Couture, 81, of Andover, died Monday, June 16, at Lawrence General Hospital. Burial will be in the St. Joseph Cemetery, Andover.

COVELL - Arthur H. Covell, 92, of Santa Clara, Calif., died Tuesday, June 3. Burial will be in the St. Joseph Cemetery, Andover.

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## Louise Ann Hayes

## Taught at Andover High School for 29 years

Louise Ann Hayes, 80, of Andover, died Sunday, June 15, at Holy Family Hospital, Methuen.

Ms. Hayes taught at Andover High School for 29 years. She graduated from Salem Teachers College and received two master's degrees in history from Boston College and in English from Catholic University.

She was a member of the Andover Teachers Association and the Massachusetts Teachers Association. She enjoyed reading and sports, especially ice

hockey. She was also a member of the Andover Recreation Committee.

Members of her family include her sisters, Filomena Maccarelli and Rose Stella, both

of Lawrence, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

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## Summer schedule at St. Robert's

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish announced its summer weekend mass schedule.

Effective June 21-22, and in effect through the weekend of Aug. 30-31 masses will be celebrated Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday morning at 8 and 10:30.

Masses will be celebrated at 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 22, and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 23.

Masses will be celebrated at 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 24, and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 25.

Masses will be celebrated at 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 26, and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 27.

Masses will be celebrated at 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 28, and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 29.

Masses will be celebrated at 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 30, and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 1.

Masses will be celebrated at 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 2, and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 3.

Masses will be celebrated at 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 4, and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 5.

Masses will be celebrated at 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 6, and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 7.

Masses will be celebrated at 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 8, and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 9.

Masses will be celebrated at 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 10, and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 11.

Masses will be celebrated at 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 12, and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 13.

Masses will be celebrated at 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 14, and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 15.

Masses will be celebrated at 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 16, and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 17.

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Masses will be celebrated at 8 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 5, and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 6.

## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

## 100 Years Ago - 1903

The "no school" signal sounded at noon Monday for the public schools.

The maple tree at the corner of Elm and High streets, which was uprooted last week by the storm, was cut down Tuesday morning.

The electric lights were out Tuesday afternoon for an hour or two. The high-wind was the cause of this. The difficulty was quickly remedied.

The public schools in town are holding their closer exercises today, an account of which will be given next week.

A picture of F.O. Baldwin, former principal of Pynchard, was presented to the school by the class of 2003 at the graduation yesterday. It was painted by George Porter of Lawrence who has lately returned from Paris where he has been studying. The painting is a fine likeness.

What has been known for some time by those on the inside, is made public today in the announcement that those who control the Lawrence Gas Company have purchased the stock of the Andover electric company, and the two will henceforth be under the same management.

## 75 Years Ago - 1928

The atmosphere of "academic domesticity" which pervaded

the 1928 commencement at Phillips Academy, nowhere had a happier expression than at the alumni dinner held last Friday in the Borden gymnasium.

Children's Sunday was observed last Sunday at the South church with graduation exercises for all departments and presentations of Bibles and certificates.

Blanchard Frye has returned to his home on Elm Street after a business trip to Montreal.

A Studebaker coupe, owned by John Brady Jr., of Lowell was burned Sunday night on River Road, West Andover.



# Education

## LOCAL SCHOLARS

Andover Public School students were selected to participate in the district concert held this spring at Lowell High School.

A total of 550 students from grades 6 through 9 performed in the Massachusetts Music Educators Association Northeast Junior District Festival. This program is offered to the students by the MMEA as an enrichment opportunity providing a musical experience otherwise unavailable. Outstanding music students from more than 100 public and private schools participated in the auditions in January. The students were selected to perform in the Junior District Concert Band, Orchestra, Boys Chorus and Girls Chorus. The students rehearsed with guest conductors and then performed in a concert at Lowell High.

Representing Andover in the concert were: (Chorus) **Corey Desjardins, Evan Carter, Ryan Jennings, Kyle Butler, Eric Chu, Charles Wang, Andrew Sanders, Jessie Nitzberg, Amanda Weldin, Meredith Spoto, Melodee Li and Maxie Holman;** (Band) **Hannah Zarkar;** (Orchestra) **Bonnie Domigan, David Shin, Mike Donelan, Chantia Ohh, Anne Tucker, Emily Arai, Veda Eswarappa and Karen Schoenherr.**

On Sunday, June 1, Pingree School in South Hamilton held its commencement ceremony.

Pingree graduate **Diana Stapinski** of Andover received the departmental award for outstanding achievement in Languages, a "Highest Scholarship Bowl" for achieving an academic average of 95 or better for the entire year, and a diploma with distinction for having a cumulative grade point average of 90-92.9.

Buckingham Browne and Nichols School in Cambridge held its commencement exercises on June 6.

**Michael Cook** of Andover will attend Saint Anselm College in the fall.

**Susan Bryden** of Andover has graduated from Vermont Academy, an independent college preparatory school in Saxtons River, Vt. Bryden will attend Elmira College this fall.

The Andover Fund for Education presented the third annual Fred Fitzgerald Excellence in Education Award to graduating Andover High School senior **Jesse Szafarz** at a ceremony earlier this month at the Andover Inn.

The award, which is accompanied by a \$1,000 scholarship, is given to a student "whose behavior exemplifies honor and principle, whose mind is characterized by intellectual curiosity and

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## SCHOOL RETIREMENTS

### Retirees Covino, Guerin touched students' lives

By Ben Hellman

**A**FTER HIS MANY YEARS as West Middle School's assistant principal Tony Covino has a radical idea for his retirement – to go back to teaching.

The long-time assistant principal started out his education career in the classroom teaching history, and says he just might return. "Maybe, I wouldn't mind doing that," he says.

Covino says he enjoyed being in the classroom. He also enjoyed being assistant principal. "All that is, is a bigger classroom," he says. "It's been a great ride."

Covino is one of several longtime teachers and administrators who will retire this year.

He says he will enjoy the extra time with his family and grandchildren. The biggest adjustment he will make is not waking up at 5:30 a.m.

"I understand that takes some time," he says.

Like Covino, High Plain Elementary School teacher **Bonnie Guerin** is another 35-year veteran. And, also like Covino, Guerin says she could see herself teaching in the future. Her grandchildren

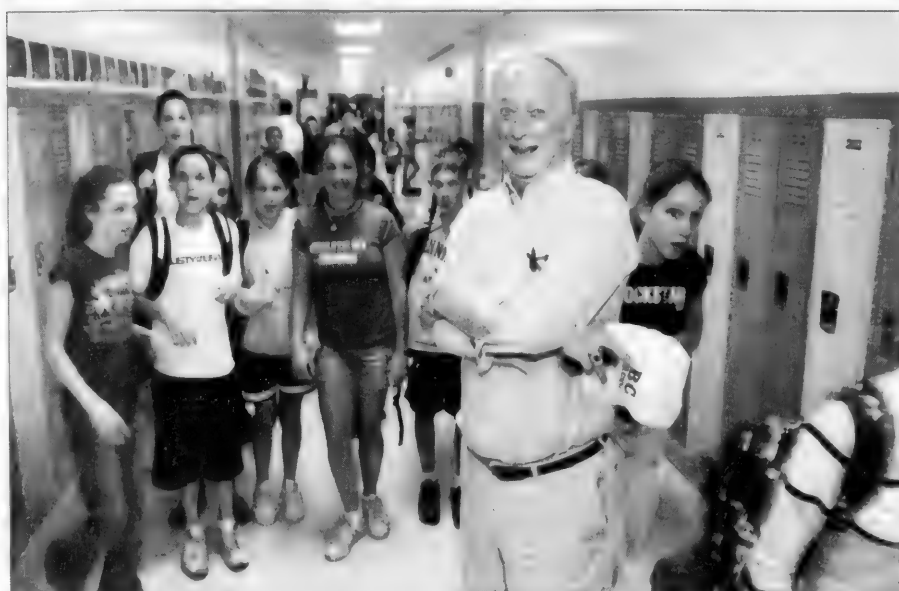


Tony Covino

go to school in Methuen and she says she has thought of volunteering there.

A long-time Bancroft Elementary and first-year High Plain Elementary teacher, Guerin says what she will miss most are the people she's worked with during her years in Andover. "It's an amazing school district," she says.

Guerin received the "Unsung Hero Award" from



Tony Covino, West Middle School's retiring assistant principal, is considering a return to the classroom.

Superintendent **Claudia Bach** for having taught 28 student teachers during her time in Andover. Bach estimated Guerin had taught 860 students in her career. "It's very nice to have touched so many lives in some way," she says.

Guerin saw what is now the Doherty Middle School go through two name changes while she was a teacher

at the school during her early years in Andover. When she started here, the school building on Bartlet Street was called Central Elementary. The name was changed to Doherty Elementary while she was there.

Since then, the downtown school has been called East Junior High, Doherty Junior High and now Doherty Middle School.

## Slaying the school year

Wood Hill students celebrate the end of the year with a Medieval Fair

By Ben Hellman

**S**UMMER ON THEIR MINDS, Wood Hill students had no problem getting into the spirit for their Medieval Fair last Friday. The fair was an end-of-the-year cultural event sponsored by the Wood Hill Parent Advisory Council, though the kids were too busy having fun to notice such details.

Wood Hill's gymnasium was transformed into a carnival with three large, inflatable attractions. A castle-shaped moonwalk, a bungee cord game and a "Merlin" ball toss were the big attractions. Students also squared off wearing large, padded suits of "armor" and brandishing padded bats.

The bungee game was the favorite of many students. They tied themselves to a bungee cord and ran as far as they could on an inflatable track. The bungee cord would stretch to its limit, and then yank the students' small, delighted bodies off their feet, sending the kids

flying backwards.

Pint-sized **Emily Evans** made a good show of fending off her friend **Lauren Barry** in the cushioned knight jousting game. Emily got a little help from a teacher who helped hold her up because of the heavy armor. Emily landed a few good whacks at Lauren's heavily padded head before being toppled. "It's the size of me," exclaimed Emily about her suit, in a post-game wrap-up. Both girls are eighth-graders.

Some real fencing was going on in an equipment room near the gym. **Rustin Zarkar** and **Jon Traub**, both eighth-graders, are neighbors and take fencing classes through the Department of Community Services. "We fence after school, most of the time in my back yard," said Rustin. They did demonstrations and taught basic fencing technique to students who wanted to learn.

An eight-hole mini-golf course, built by sixth-graders, featured a rising and lowering drawbridge, medieval maiden, a catapult and a dragon.

Threatening rain clouds drove the fair indoors, which shot down a student-built trebuchet demonstration, but didn't dampen spirits. The trebuchet was an intricate medieval machine that flung rocks at castles during sieges.

The students' model, more than five feet tall, flings softballs more than 100 feet. It is teacher **Gordon Goyette's** intention to add another 50 feet to the distance, which might be possible by tomorrow, Friday, the last day of school.



Getting into the spirit of medieval times at Wood Hill Middle School's Medieval Fair last Friday are (top row, left) **Nick Ientile**, battling an unseen **Dan Campinelli** in a duel of knights; (right) **Ellis Heneghan** and **Charlie Shi** wearing padded jousting suits; and (above) **Eli Hayward** holding a shield bearing his coat-of-arms, along with his teacher, **Ann Marie Wright**, who taught the students about medieval times.

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## LOCAL SCHOLARS

■ AFE FITZGERALD AWARD  
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excellence in scholarship, and whose conduct is respectful of our world."

According to organizers, "Jesse, an outstanding student, exemplifies a true love of learning and a heartfelt care for her community. She led a program called Book Worms throughout her high-school career, providing a reading program for children at a battered women's shelter. She also tutored at the high school, was the co-chair of Students against Destructive Decisions, and has taken over her mother's old-time photo business at Canobie Lake Park."

AHS Principal Peter Anderson summed up Jesse's nature, saying, "Jesse is a good example of someone who does noble work without seeking recognition. That is Jesse's hallmark."

Fred Fitzgerald, AFE founder, and Jim McConaughy, president of AFE, presented Szaferz with a dictionary along with the scholarship. Fitzgerald remarked, "A dictionary is the repository of human learning. We are glad to honor you with this small token of our admiration."

He urged Szaferz to continue her determination to do the best that she can on every task and to maintain internal satisfaction in what she has done.

The daughter of Cort and Reenie Szaferz, she will attend Connecticut College this fall with an eye toward a career in teaching or medicine. Organizers said, "She will continue her

love of learning so apparent in her animated description of her coursework in anatomy, as well as her eagerness to enroll in a wide variety of courses at college."

The Andover Fund for Education is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching and supporting Andover's public schools. The award is in honor of the group's founder, Fred Fitzgerald.

Shore Country Day School announced its second trimester honor roll.

Students on the honor roll from Andover include:

## SIXTH GRADE

High Honors: Tory Seman.  
Honors: Charlie Miller and Liza Rollins.

## SEVENTH GRADE

High Honors: Jay Seman.

Brady Reed graduated from Kimball Union Academy in Meriden, N.H. on May 24. He will attend Case Western Reserve University in the fall.

Twenty-eight local piano students have successfully completed the requirements for membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians, sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers, Teacher Division of the American College of Musicians.

This group of piano students from the studio of Rusty Palumbo of Reading, was reviewed May 16 and 17 by New York adjudicator Thomas Robb. The students were awarded various levels of honors according to the number and difficulty of



From left are Fred Fitzgerald, Cort Szaferz, Jesse Szaferz and Jim McConaughy. The Andover Fund for Education gave Jesse Szaferz third annual Fred Fitzgerald Excellence in Education Award and a \$1,000 scholarship.

pieces chosen from the great masters of piano literature.

The following students participated in the National Piano Playing Auditions and received National Awards. From Andover:

Helen Chen, Kathy Li, Jamie Singelais, Sara Teplow and In Joong Yoon.

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# Education

## LOCAL SCHOLARS

Andover Public School students were selected to participate in the district concert held this spring at Lowell High School.

A total of 550 students from grades 6 through 9 performed in the Massachusetts Music Educators Association Northeast Junior District Festival. This program is offered to the students by the MMEA as an enrichment opportunity providing a musical experience otherwise unavailable. Outstanding music students from more than 100 public and private schools participated in the auditions in January. The students were selected to perform in the Junior District Concert Band, Orchestra, Boys Chorus and Girls Chorus. The students rehearsed with guest conductors and then performed in a concert at Lowell High.

Representing Andover in the concert were: (Chorus) **Corey Desjardins, Evan Carter, Ryan Jennings, Kyle Butler, Eric Chu, Charles Wang, Andrew Sanders, Jessie Nitzberg, Amanda Weldin, Meredith Spoto, Melodee Li and Maxie Holman;** (Band) **Hannah Zarkar;** (Orchestra) **Bonnie Domigan, David Shin, Mike Donelan, Chantia Ohh, Anne Tucker, Emily Arai, Veda Eswarappa and Karen Schoenherr.**

On Sunday, June 1, Pingree School in South Hamilton held its commencement ceremony.

Pingree graduate **Diana Stapinski** of Andover received the departmental award for outstanding achievement in Languages, a "Highest Scholarship Bowl" for achieving an academic average of 95 or better for the entire year, and a diploma with distinction for having a cumulative grade point average of 90-92.9.

Buckingham Browne and Nichols School in Cambridge held its commencement exercises on June 6.

**Michael Cook** of Andover will attend Saint Anselm College in the fall.

**Susan Bryden** of Andover has graduated from Vermont Academy, an independent college preparatory school in Saxtons River, Vt. Bryden will attend Elmira College this fall.

The Andover Fund for Education presented the third annual Fred Fitzgerald Excellence in Education Award to graduating Andover High School senior **Jesse Szafarz** at a ceremony earlier this month at the Andover Inn.

The award, which is accompanied by a \$1,000 scholarship, is given to a student "whose behavior exemplifies honor and principle, whose mind is characterized by intellectual curiosity and

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## SCHOOL RETIREMENTS

# Retirees Covino, Guerin touched students' lives

By Ben Hellman

**A**FTER HIS MANY YEARS as West Middle School's assistant principal Tony Covino has a radical idea for his retirement — to go back to teaching.

The long-time assistant principal started out his education career in the classroom teaching history, and says he just might return. "Maybe, I wouldn't mind doing that," he says.

Covino says he enjoyed being in the classroom. He also enjoyed being assistant principal. "All that is, is a bigger classroom," he says. "It's been a great ride."

Covino is one of several longtime teachers and administrators who will retire this year.

He says he will enjoy the extra time with his family and grandchildren. The biggest adjustment he will make is not waking up at 5:30 a.m.

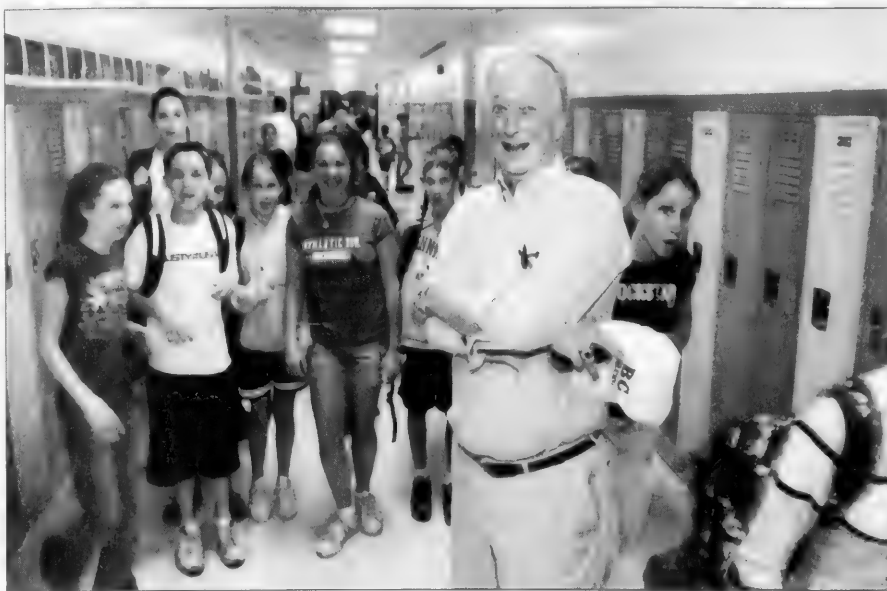
"I understand that takes some time," he says.

Like Covino, High Plain Elementary School teacher **Bonnie Guerin** is another 35-year veteran. And, also like Covino, Guerin says she could see herself teaching in the future. Her grandchildren

go to school in Methuen and she says she has thought of volunteering there.

A long-time Bancroft Elementary and first-year High Plain Elementary teacher, Guerin says what she will miss most are the people she's worked with during her years in Andover. "It's an amazing school district," she says.

Guerin received the "Unsung Hero Award" from



Tony Covino, West Middle School's retiring assistant principal, is considering a return to the classroom.

Superintendent **Claudia Bach** for having taught 28 student teachers during her time in Andover. Bach estimated Guerin had taught 860 students in her career. "It's very nice to have touched so many lives in some way," she says.

Guerin saw what is now the Doherty Middle School go through two name changes while she was a teacher

at the school during her early years in Andover. When she started here, the school building on Bartlet Street was called Central Elementary. The name was changed to Doherty Elementary while she was there.

Since then, the downtown school has been called East Junior High, Doherty Junior High and now Doherty Middle School.

# Slaying the school year

## Wood Hill students celebrate the end of the year with a Medieval Fair

By Ben Hellman

**S**UMMER ON THEIR MINDS, Wood Hill students had no problem getting into the spirit for their Medieval Fair last Friday. The fair was an end-of-the-year cultural event sponsored by the Wood Hill Parent Advisory Council, though the kids were too busy having fun to notice such details.

Wood Hill's gymnasium was transformed into a carnival with three large, inflatable attractions. A castle-shaped moonwalk, a bungee cord game and a "Merlin" ball toss were the big attractions. Students also squared off wearing large, padded suits of "armor" and brandishing padded bats.

The bungee game was the favorite of many students. They tied themselves to a bungee cord and ran as far as they could on an inflatable track. The bungee cord would stretch to its limit, and then yank the students' small, delighted bodies off their feet, sending the kids

flying backwards.

Pint-sized **Emily Evans** made a good show of fending off her friend **Lauren Burry** in the cushioned knight jousting game. Emily got a little help from a teacher who helped hold her up because of the heavy armor. Emily landed a few good whacks at Lauren's heavily padded head before being toppled. "It's the size of me," exclaimed Emily about her suit, in a post-game wrap-up. Both girls are eighth-graders.

Some real fencing was going on in an equipment room near the gym. **Rustin Zarkar** and **Jon Traub**, both eighth-graders, are neighbors and take fencing classes through the Department of Community Services. "We fence after school, most of the time in my back yard," said Rustin. They did demonstrations and taught basic fencing technique to students who wanted to learn.

An eight-hole mini-golf course, built by sixth-graders, featured a rising and lowering drawbridge, medieval maiden, a catapult and a dragon.

Threatening rain clouds drove the fair indoors, which shot down a student-built trebuchet demonstration, but didn't dampen spirits. The trebuchet was an intricate medieval machine that flung rocks at castles during sieges.

The students' model, more than five feet tall, flings softballs more than 100 feet. It is teacher **Gordon Goyette's** intention to add another 50 feet to the distance, which might be possible by tomorrow, Friday, the last day of school.



Getting into the spirit of medieval times at Wood Hill Middle School's Medieval Fair last Friday are (top row, left) **Nick Ientile**, battling an unseen **Dan Campinelli** in a duel of knights; (right) **Ellis Heneghan** and **Charlie Shi** wearing padded jousting suits; and (above) **Eli Hayward** holding a shield bearing his coat-of-arms, along with his teacher, **Ann Marie Wright**, who taught the students about medieval times.

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■ AFE FITZGERALD AWARD  
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excellence in scholarship, and whose conduct is respectful of our world."

According to organizers, "Jesse, an outstanding student, exemplifies a true love of learning and a heartfelt care for her community. She led a program called Book Worms throughout her high-school career, providing a reading program for children at a battered women's shelter. She also tutored at the high school, was the co-chair of Students against Destructive Decisions, and has taken over her mother's old-time photo business at Canobie Lake Park."

AHS Principal **Peter Anderson** summed up Jesse's nature, saying, "Jesse is a good example of someone who does noble work without seeking recognition. That is Jesse's hallmark."

**Fred Fitzgerald**, AFE founder, and **Jim McConaughy**, president of AFE, presented Szaferz with a dictionary along with the scholarship. Fitzgerald remarked, "A dictionary is the repository of human learning. We are glad to honor you with this small token of our admiration."

He urged Szaferz to continue her determination to do the best that she can on every task and to maintain internal satisfaction in what she has done.

The daughter of **Cort** and **Reenie Szaferz**, she will attend Connecticut College this fall with an eye toward a career in teaching or medicine. Organizers said, "She will continue her

love of learning so apparent in her animated description of her coursework in anatomy, as well as her eagerness to enroll in a wide variety of courses at college."

The Andover Fund for Education is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching and supporting Andover's public schools. The award is in honor of the group's founder, **Fred Fitzgerald**.

Shore Country Day School announced its second trimester honor roll.

Students on the honor roll from Andover include:

## SIXTH GRADE

High Honors: **Tory Seman**.  
Honors: **Charlie Miller** and **Liza Rollins**.

## SEVENTH GRADE

High Honors: **Jay Seman**.

**Brady Reed** graduated from Kimball Union Academy in Meriden, N.H. on May 24. He will attend Case Western Reserve University in the fall.

Twenty-eight local piano students have successfully completed the requirements for membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians, sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers, Teacher Division of the American College of Musicians.

This group of piano students from the studio of **Rusty Palumbo** of Reading, was reviewed May 16 and 17 by New York adjudicator **Thomas Robb**. The students were awarded various levels of honors according to the number and difficulty of



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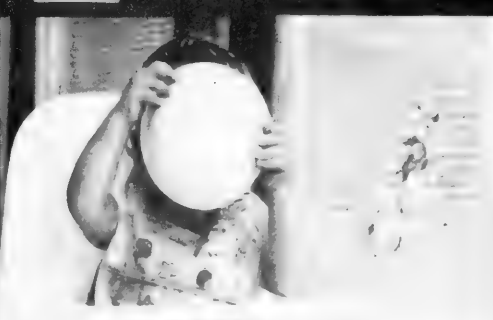
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Libby Poland brushes the hair of her graduating daughter, Susannah. Also in the photo is her son, Jamison, a third-grade student at Pike.

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Eighth- and ninth-graders graduated Friday, June 6 at Pike School. From left are graduates Nina Cameron, Meghan Doherty, Jillian Schott, Courtney Fiske, Tawil Contreras and Min-Jung Han.

## Awards, diplomas presented to graduates of Pike School

PIKE SCHOOL CELEBRATED the graduation of its eighth- and ninth-grade students Friday, June 6.

The Pike community gathered in Harding Gymnasium to honor graduates. Presenting awards and diplomas to the students were John M. Waters, head of school; John F. MacKinnon, chairman, board of trustees; Michele Tissiére, Upper School head; and Judith Lais and Betsy Devries, class advisers.

Special awards presented were:

- the A. Daniel Phelan Award to Gaetano Morello;
- the Nicholas Grieco Prize to Colin Calabrese;
- the Alumni Prize to Taryn Schott;
- the Margaret J. Little Award to Nina Cameron;

- the David A. Frothingham Award for Community Service to Tawil Contreras and Courtney Harris;
- the Head of School Award to Anna Boylan.

The following are graduates of the eighth-grade class, along with their secondary school destinations: Claire C. Abisalih (Exeter), Cassie Brook Aponas (Pike), David Francis Arrigg (Brooks), Samuel Vincent Baird (Pingree), Jillian Beth Bargar (Andover High School), Erica Giselle Marshall Bibby (Pike), Anna Kathleen Boylan (Phillips Academy), Nina Pendleton Cameron (Brooks), James Joseph Wight Caron (Pingree), Tawil Nohely Contreras (Phillips Academy), Katherine Elizabeth Cormier (Middlesex), David Glanzer Curtis (Phillips Academy), Meghan Leigh Doherty (Gover-

nor Dummer), Robert F. Duggan, Jr. (Lawrence Academy), George Donahue Eng (Lawrence Academy), Robert Demoulas Farnham (Pike), Matthew Joseph Ferrante (Central Catholic), Courtney Alyssa Fiske (Phillips Academy), Madeline Marie George (Brewster Academy), Gabriella Marie Grasso (Pingree), Jocelyn Anne Greene (Phillips Academy), Min-Jung Han (St. Paul Harkins (Concord Academy), Evan Graham Harmeling (Phillips Academy), Courtney Leigh Harris (Phillips Academy), Amy Barbara Hilman (Pike), Anne P. Jenney (Derryfield School), Cecilia Jou (Pike), Joceline Marie Liriano (Pike), Ashley Marie Loranger (Brooks), Andrew Saarinen Lowrie (Brewster Academy), Tyler Lucien Magnin (Groton), Elizabeth Claire

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The following are graduates of the ninth-grade class and their secondary school destinations: Colin Michael Calabrese (Phillips Academy), Samantha Marian Caplan (Tabor Academy), Benjamin Jonas Clayman (Groton), Elizabeth Anne Costa (Lawrence Academy), Daniel Michael Desruisseau (Lawrence Academy), Madalyn Jo Herz (Governor Dummer Academy), HyunSeo Kim (Concord Academy), Benjamin David Nelson (Andover High School), Laura Elizabeth Notini (Concord Academy), Dan Schatzberg (Lawrence Academy), and Hang Shawn Xu (Phillips Academy).

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Jim Sutton, director of Memorial Hall Library, is plugged into a good "book." The library is loaning mp3 books and players.

## Road trip 'reading'

### Memorial Hall's digital books

By Kyle McCauley  
Township intern

WITH THE VACATION SEASON ON THE HORIZON, many travelers will need something — music, or a book on tape, for instance — to pass the time between destinations. Memorial Hall Library now offers a new alternative for its digital-age patrons: books in mp3 format.

The first library to offer such a service in Massachusetts, Memorial Hall provides about 124 titles in various genres including mysteries, fiction, biographies and classic children's stories. For many steeped in fast-paced technology, the convenience of instantly accessing portions of the book will make books on tape obsolete — and time spent traveling a little more bearable.

Patrons with their own mp3 players can load the books. Memorial Hall also offers cassette adapters to residents, and a Link-it device, which broadcasts the book over an FM radio, so that several people can enjoy the readings during a car trip.

"People really like them, they're grateful for the technology," says Gerry Deyermund, librarian.

She says the advantages of mp3 players lie in their sturdiness. Unlike books on CD, the audio doesn't skip, because there are no moving parts or laser readers in the players. Also, their convenient size makes them ideal for nearly any travel situation, work-out session, or day on the beach. A player is about the size of a pack of playing cards.

The quality of the audio is also more clear, as books on tape often wear down and books on CD can get scratched.

Currently, the library gets two to three requests daily for use of its 30 Otis mp3 players, which can be borrowed for up to three weeks at a time. The library has recently upgraded the memory on two of its players to accommodate lengthier titles, which would normally require multiple downloads.

## Welcome to summer

### Summer season kicking off in spite of the weather

By Judy Wakefield

THE HOT WEATHER may not have arrived just yet, but hot fun has indeed arrived in town.

Summer may officially arrive Saturday, June 21, but the town's summer season kicks off a day earlier with school ending tomorrow, June 20. The town's recreation department is ready and waiting for the onslaught of entertainment-seekers.

Pomps Pond is now open and some new playground equipment was installed earlier this week. The whopping 75-percent hike for a pond parking sticker has not deterred pond-goers, who are forking over the \$60 fee and \$5 second-car fee with no complaints, according to the Department of Community Services. Last summer, the fee was \$35 and \$5 for the second car. Sticker sales are keeping pace with last year's sales.

One of the reasons may be because, for the first time, DCS had a booth at last weekend's Bazaar Days event downtown. Many residents got stickers there and also signed up for summer programs, according to Vern Loschi of DCS.

Residents can get stickers at the DCS office. Senior citizens pay \$25 for a sticker.

Pomps Pond hours are noon to 7 p.m. through Aug. 2. From Aug. 3 to 17, the hours are noon to 6 p.m. The Pond View



Summer officially begins Saturday, but Andy Comeau has a head start paddling across Pomps Pond on Tuesday afternoon under sunny skies. Kayaks are available to rent at the pond.

concession stand will also be open at noon throughout the summer, and will close an hour before the pond does. Kayaks, canoes and sailboats are available to rent.

Numerous day camps for kids of all ages are being run by DCS and all of them start Monday, June 30. For more information, stop by the DCS office in Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St.

Fourth of July will be celebrated as usual, with the Pancake Breakfast in the Park served by selectmen from 8 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$4 per person, up \$1 from last year. The Horribles Parade lines up at 9 a.m. and the event starts at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot at Town Offices near the Park. Budget cuts canceled the moonwalk this year, but plenty of games for kids will take place in the Park from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

The Andover Community Skate Park, located behind West Middle School, will be opening soon. It was supposed to open last Saturday but it needs a paint job, which hadn't been done as of *Township* presstime this week. When the skate park does open, the hours will be noon to dusk every day but

Monday, when it is closed. The cost is \$35 for a season pass per kid, with a \$100 maximum for families. Day-skaters pay \$5 per visit. The park is available for birthday-party rentals on Sundays only. Skateboarding lessons will be held on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. For more information, visit the park and talk to an Andover Youth Services staffer.

The free summer concert series in the Park begins July 9. All concerts are held on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6. The Park is located at the corner of Chestnut and Bartlet streets. If it rains, concerts will be held Thursdays, rain or shine. If it rains on the rain date, the concerts will move indoors to the nearby Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School.

The dates are as follows:

JULY 9	FOUR GUYS IN TUXES (REQUESTS)
JULY 16	CONTINENTAL SWING BAND
JULY 23	6 OF HARTS (JAZZ)
JULY 30	'60S INVASION
AUG. 6	COMPACO BIG BAND (SWING)
AUG. 13	RICO BARR & JUMP JIVE REVIEW



Ross Stinson (right) chases fish toward the kids' pails while they try to catch them. From left are Jackson Waugh, Jordan Waugh and Ilana Stinson.

## Turning pages while the sun shines

### Summer reading fans offer their favorites for your beach blanket

By Ben Hellman

EACH-BLANKET NOVELS that can be devoured in a day. Hot new mysteries. The latest tell-all autobiographies. These are the staples of summer for many looking to take a break.

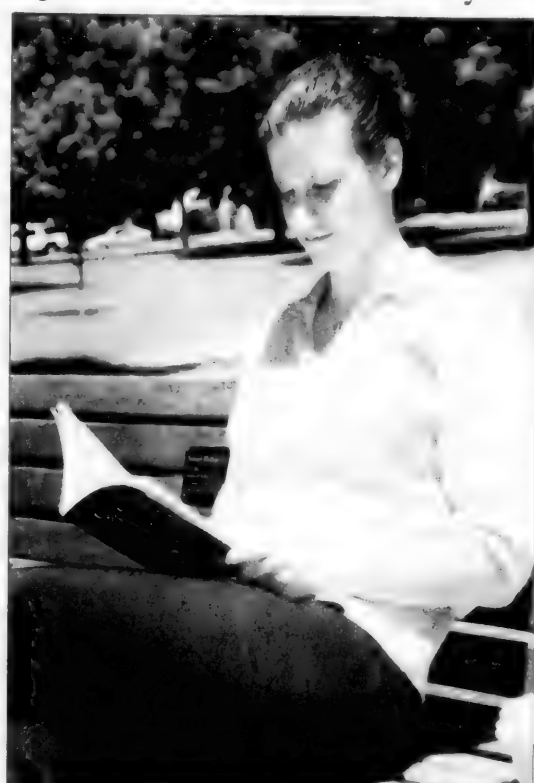
"People have a lot more time to read. The tastes change a lot more to lighter reading," says Andover Book Store assistant manager Julie Carlson.

Like most people interested in reading, Carlson has a number of novels to recommend to summer readers.

The No. 1 book she is suggesting for readers is *The Secret Life of Bees*, by Sue Monk Kid. The book is set in the South in the 1960s, where a 14-year-old who lost her mother struggles to find her history. "It's a book that makes you feel good. There are few of those," says Carlson. "We suggest that to anyone."

Memorial Hall Library book club member Hannah Heisetz recommends *The Story Behind The Painting*, by Leo Rosten. The book gives stories behind the great masters' paintings, and details about their lives. Heisetz says the art and poetry that people leave behind is what matters. "The computer we bought last year is out of date. These things are priceless. Words are priceless," she says.

When Heisetz, 79, began to lose the sight in one of her eyes she was afraid she might not be able to read anymore. She considered books on tape. "It's not the same," she says. When she reads she can stop and look up a word, underline a sentence, or just think about what she just



Marianne McGee reads in the Park during her lunch break Tuesday, as temperatures flirted with the 80-degree mark.

read. She can still read, and is thankful for it. "After my children, reading is my greatest blessing," she says.

Heisetz leaves the Rosten book on her coffee table for people to look at, and would recommend it to anyone. "It is filled with gorgeous reproductions — and I don't use that word lightly," she says. The title, out-

of-print, is still obtainable, says Heisetz. She recently bought four copies and gave them to her children. "It's a delightful book — a tribute to the human spirit," says Heisetz.

The *New York Times* No. 1 bestseller, *The Da Vinci Code*, by Dan Brown is high on the list of Memorial Hall Library's hot titles. The murder mystery

chases a secret hinted at in Da Vinci's paintings and protected by a secret society since the days of Christ. Carlson says the book is popular at her bookstore as well.

Hillary Clinton's *Living History* is also in demand and on order at the bookstore.

*The Da Vinci Code* by Lauren Weisberger is a popular title with women at the library. "All our female readers are asking for it," says Librarian Bethany H. Heston. The new Harry Potter book, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, is the most frequently requested item at the library. The book will hit bookstores this Saturday, June 21.

### BOOKS TO PACK FOR A DAY AT THE BEACH

*The Secret Life of Bees*, by Sue Monk Kid  
*The Da Vinci Code*, by Dan Brown  
*The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency*, by Alexander McCall Smith  
*Tears of the Giraffe*, by Alexander McCall Smith  
*The Company; A Novel of The CIA*, by Robert Little  
*A Short History of Just About Everything*, by Bill Bryson  
*John F. Kennedy: An Unfinished Life*, by Robert Dallek  
*Willow Temple*, by Donald Hall

— Recommended by Andover Bookstore

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Thursday, June 19

Fashion show, Andover Youth Services presents *Keep it Wild*, 5 p.m., Old Town Hall: 978-623-8241.

Seminar, Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's Human Resource Association presents *Health Care: Emerging Trends and Practical Solutions for Employers*, 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m., Wyndham Hotel, Andover: 978-686-0900.

Open house, Petite Maison Antiques, jewelry and florals, 10

a.m.-8 p.m., Les Fleurs, 354 N. Main St., Andover: 978-475-9669.

Demonstration, the Stevens Memorial Hall Library. *Focus on Women's Series* presents a basket-making demonstration, free, 7 p.m., Stevens Memorial Hall Library, 345 Main St., North Andover: 978-688-9505.

Live music, Stan Swinarski and Jon Michaels, no cover, 9 p.m., Higher Ground Coffee House, 194 Middle St., Lowell: 978-453-4007.

Live music, Seacoast Guitar Series

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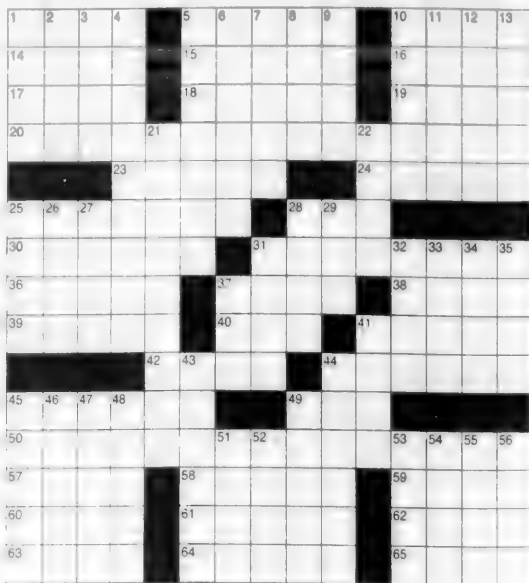
The Walsingham Gallery opens a watercolor show entitled "Flowing Grace and Timeless Beauty," which showcases the works of its watercolorists. Artists participating include Ralph Bush, Marilyn Swift, Richard Burke Jones, George Shedd, Robert Brun, Judy Metcalfe, Carlton Plummer, Joan Plummer, and William Duke. Their work will be featured at the monthly Gallery Walk on Saturday, June 21 with a reception from 6 to 9 p.m. The show will run until July 14. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m. The gallery is located at 47 Merrimack St., Newburyport. Call 978-449-4411, or check out [www.thewalsinghamgallery.com](http://www.thewalsinghamgallery.com).



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## CLUES ACROSS

1. Land a fish
5. Clay
10. Deified hero worshiped as an avatar of Vishnu
14. Lake \_\_, one of the Great
15. Monetary unit of Sierra Leone
16. Makes older
17. Liberal rights organization
18. Within (Prefix)
19. San \_\_, city in California
20. Jacques-Louis David work
23. Recesses
24. Lower in esteem
25. Called together
28. Treat skins
30. In a way, utilizes
31. Sexually abused
36. Dark grayish-blue or purple
37. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
38. A counterbalance
39. Preen
40. A man whose behavior is unprincipled
41. Terminate
42. Tin plate
44. Seaport in Italy
45. Oblong cream puff
49. Goal
50. O'Neill classic
57. Witches
58. Norway
59. Jai \_\_, sport
60. Emerald Isle
61. Spirit in "The Tempest"



62. Account of incidents or events
63. Rank
64. Unhappily
65. \_\_ Blyton, children's author

## CLUES DOWN

1. Ancient German
2. Entranceway
3. Single, or Indian
4. Social system developed in Europe in the 8th century
5. Names
6. Hired
7. Barbarians
8. Japanese waist pouch
9. Plant organ
10. Muslim calendar month
11. A place of assembly for the people in ancient Greece

12. Plateaus
13. A sharp narrow ridge found in rugged mountains
21. Seizing one
22. Hair on the head
25. George \_\_, American utopian
26. Allego
27. Gulls
28. Bullfrog, for one
29. Vestment worn by priests
31. Indicate pain or discomfort
32. Musical interval of two semitones
33. Afrikaans
34. Goidelic language of Ireland
35. These (old English)
37. Phone company
41. Military disguise
43. Playing fields
44. Pleasantly
45. Anesthetic
46. Green algae common in freshwater lakes
47. On the up and up, slang
48. French river
49. Person of exceptional holiness
51. A short syllable (poetry)
52. Dry
53. Breed
54. Ardor
55. Anklebones
56. Went quickly

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

## JUNE 19 THRU JUNE 29

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benefit 8 p.m., James Montgomery and Frank Morey 10:30 p.m., \$10-\$12, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell: 978-453-5755.

**Live music,** Rockport Chamber Music Festival, pianist Andrew Rangell, 8 p.m., Rockport Art Association, 12 Main St., Rockport; for tickets call 978-546-8351, www.rcmf.org.

## Friday, June 20

**Live comedy,** Annette Pollack, Bob Niles, Steve Smith, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

**Live comedy,** John Rizzo, PJ Walsh, Chris Jones, \$12, Jokemavens Comedy Club, Guest House Inn and Suites, 159 Pelham St., Methuen; 866-404-JOKE, www.jokemaven.com.

**Live music,** Diatribal Revenge, Flatbed, Doppler Effect, Electric Donkey, \$7, 9 p.m., Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, www.evosarts.com.

**Live music,** Tarbox Ramblers, \$10-\$12, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

**Live music,** Rockport Chamber Music Festival, Shanghai Quartet, 8 p.m., Rockport Art Association, 12 Main St., Rockport; for tickets call 978-546-8351, www.rcmf.org.

## Saturday, June 21

**Harry Potter night,** refreshments and raffle for Harry Potter stuff, midnight to 1:30 a.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

**Live music,** Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra, Andover students will all be playing the violin, Sol Jin of West Middle School, Athena Hsieh of Andover High School and Jessica Hsiao of Phillips Academy, \$18-\$20, Sanders Theater at Harvard University, box office 617-496-222.

**Tour,** Coolidge Middle School PTO Gardens Project sponsors the Reading Garden Tour, eight Reading gardens, and the Coolidge Middle School garden, \$20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., meet at Coolidge Middle School; 978-942-7309, rain date June 22.

**Live comedy,** Annette Pollack, Bob Niles, Steve Smith, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

**Live comedy,** John Rizzo, PJ Walsh, Chris Jones, \$12, R-rated hypnotist Joey Devito every Sat. 10:30 p.m., Jokemavens Comedy Club, Guest House Inn and Suites, 159 Pelham St., Methuen; 866-404-JOKE, www.jokemaven.com.

**Symposium,** New England Quilt Museum presents, *Celebrating the Interplay of Teachers and Students*, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., New England Quilt Museum, 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-452-5405.

**Pow Wow,** annual Native American Pow Wow, free, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Regatta Field, Pawtucket Blvd., Lowell; Snow Dreamer or Red Spirit Soaring of Two Sisters 978-459-7214.

**Live music,** Mike G., Hollow. Veil, \$5, 9 p.m., Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, www.evosarts.com.

**Yard sale and Strawberry festival,** yard sale 8 a.m.-2 p.m., festival and ham and bean supper, 5-6 p.m., Pawtucket Congregational Church, 15 Mammoth Road, Lowell; 978-452-2144.

**Health Fair,** Saints Memorial Medical Center, free, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., health screening, educational sessions for women on diabetes, thyroid and more, demonstrations on Yoga, Reiki and message therapy, Ambulatory Surgery Center, One Hospital Drive, Lowell; 978-934-8255.

**Singles dance,** sponsored by Parents Without Partners, meet new people, listen to good music and dance the night away \$6 before 8:30 p.m., \$8 after 8:30 p.m., 8 p.m.-midnight, refreshments will be served, American Legion Hall, Bedford (across from Shell station and McDonald's); 781-272-3910,

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**Live music,** Lori McKenna with Jake Armerding, \$15-\$17, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

**Live music,** Tom Driscoll, no cover, 9 p.m., Higher Ground Coffee House, 194 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-4007.

**Artist reception,** painter Stephen LaPierre, free, 7-9 p.m., Valerie's Gallery, 12 State St., Newburyport; 978-499-8444, www.valeriesgalleries.com.

**Live music,** Rockport Chamber Music Festival, Shanghi Quartet, 8 p.m., Rockport Art Association, 12 Main St., Rockport, for tickets call 978-546-8351, www.rcmf.org.

## Sunday, June 22

**Family Day,** Mother Connection is holding its annual Family Day, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., the Park, Mother Connection office 978-470-1500.

**Film,** *Marija*, about the life and work of archaeologist Marija Gimbutas, and talk by filmmaker Donna Read, free, 7 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St.; 978-470-1134.

**Live music,** Rockport Chamber Music Festival, James Maddalena baritone and Judith Gordon piano, 5 p.m., Rockport Art Association, 12 Main St., Rockport, for tickets call 978-546-8351, www.rcmf.org.

**Live music,** Barbara and Al Boudreau Jazz Quartet, 4:30-8:30 p.m., Ipswich Bay Bar and Grill, 24-26 Hammett St., Ipswich, reservations recommended; 978-356-7006.

**Pow Wow,** see June 21 entry.

## Monday, June 23

**Shakespeare in the Park,** an organizational meeting will be held for teens interested in participating in this year's Shakespeare in Skatepark production of *As You Like It*, looking for all types of actors, beginners and seasoned, skaters and tech people, sponsored by Andover Youth Services, free, 5 p.m., Skatepark (behind West Middle School); Dan Serna 978-475-4485.

**Training,** Department of Community Services is running a Red Cross Lifeguard Training program for ages 15 and older, through June 27.

\$150 residents, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., registration and information 978-623-8274.

## Tuesday, June 24

**Mixer,** Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's with the Courtyard by Marriott present *A Welcome to Summer Marketing Mixer*, \$10 members, \$20 non-members, 5-7 p.m., Courtyard by Marriott, 10 Campanelli Drive, Andover; 978-686-0900.

**Lecture,** "Forgiveness and the Sexual Abuse Crisis in the Catholic Church," presented by Heather P. Wilson, discussing the nature of forgiveness; what is forgiveness (and what it is not), what is its relationship to reconciliation and justice, can the unforgivable be forgiven, and how do people view the sexual abuse crisis in the church in this context, 7-9 p.m., St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Driscoll Hall, 198 Haggetts Pond Road; 978-681-1097, jpnwk@attbi.com.

**Live music,** La Chorale Orion, now known as Spindle City Singers, all songs in French with the exception of one Latin piece by Mozart, free, 7:30 p.m., St. Louis De France Church, West Sixth Street, Lowell; 978-937-9472.

**Live music,** Chris Neville Trio, \$5, 7:30 p.m., Roma Restaurant, 29 Middlesex St., Bradford; 978-374-8001.

**Live music,** Music at Eden's Edge,

works of Dvorák, Williams, Schumann and Beethoven, free, 2 p.m., Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church, 323 Locust St., Danvers; 781-237-1814.

## Wednesday, June 25

**Worship,** Evening Prayer at Midweek, interfaith vespers services will be held weekly for seven weeks; this fifth service will be led by Christ Episcopal Church, 7 p.m., Chapel in the West Parish Garden Cemetery, Route 133, all are welcome; 978-475-3698.

**Puppet show,** *Raccoon Tales* Native American stories told with hand and rod puppets, \$6, groups of 25 or more \$4, 1:30 p.m., Rogers Cen-



**Next Thursday, June 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. there will be an opening reception for Photo-booth, a new exhibit at the Griffin Museum of Photography, 67 Shore Road, Winchester. Organizers invite the public to become part of the exhibit - step inside a working photo booth, close the curtain, and contribute their own photo booth portrait. RSVP by June 19 to 781-729-1158, or e-mail: photos@griffinmuseum.org.**

ter for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 617-731-6400.

**Puppet show,** An Evening of Puppetry for Adults, short inventive puppetry pieces, hosted by The Puppet Showplace Theater and the Boston Area Guild of Puppetry, not for profit organizations to promote the art and craft of puppetry \$6, groups of 25 or more \$4, 8 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover 617-731-6400.

**Live music,** the Summer Organ Recital Series presents organist Eileen Hunt, \$2-\$7, doors open 7:30 p.m., show 8 p.m., Methuen Memorial Hall, 192 Broadway, Methuen; 978-685-0693.

**Tour,** Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities presents Kids as Collectors, children in grades 4-6 are invited to tour the home of collector Bertam K. and Nina Fletcher Little, learn how a museum creates a collection and cares for it, children are encouraged to bring a sample of their own collection to discuss, \$5, 10-11:30 a.m., Cogswell's Grant, 60 Spring St., Essex, reservations required, 978-768-332.

**Tea,** Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities presents Afternoon Tea with "Mrs. Jack" actress Jessa Piaia will portray Isabella Stewart Gardner, affectionately known as "Mrs. Jack," \$23-\$25, noon-1 p.m., Beauport, Sleeper-McCann House, 75 Eastern Point Blvd., Gloucester, pre-paid reservations required, 978-283-0800.

**Seminar,** the Peabody Bar Association and Governor's Councilor Mary-Ellen Manning present "Demystifying the Judicial Application Process," free, 5-7 p.m.,

Peabody District Court House, 978-531-6363.

## Thursday, June 26

**Puppet show,** *Joey! A Kangaroo Tale* features a larger than life puppet, hand puppets, shadow puppets, a tree full of kookaburras, an actor who wears a charming ostrich puppet and more, \$6, groups of 25 or more \$4, 2:15 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 617-731-6400.

**Opening reception,** for *Photo booth*, 6-8 p.m., Griffin Museum of Photography, 67 Shore Road, Winchester, RSVP 781-729-1158, photos@griffinmuseum.org.

**Live music,** Flynn with Eileen Rose \$10, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

**Live music,** open jazz jam with the Ben Ricker Quartet, free, 9 p.m., Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell, 978-441-9906, www.evosarts.com.

## Friday, June 27

**Dance,** Compulsion Dance Company, a new dance company presents *After the Breaking Point*, Andover residents Kellen Affleck, Tressor Efinger, Dany Guy, Tabitha Lister and Meredith Schmidt will perform, \$10 at the door, 7-9 p.m., West Middle School auditorium, Heather Carroll 781-245-6363.

**Live music,** Habitat Jam, featuring LoTown, '50s-'80s rock, jazz and harmonies, \$10, cash bar, 8 p.m., all proceeds benefit Women Build Houses for the Greater Lawrence Habitat for Humanity, British Club, 80 Cambridge St., Lawrence; 978-689-9549 or 978-475-4515.

**Live comedy,** John Turco, EJ Murphy, Anne Maneikis, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

**Live comedy,** Tom Hayes, Jay Rodrigues, Sean Lilly, \$12, Joke maven's Comedy Club, Guest House Inn and Suites, 159 Pelham St., Methuen; 866-404-JOKI, www.jokenaven.com.

**Live music,** Cormac McCarthy and Joyce Anderson, \$10-\$12, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell, 978-453-5755.

**Live music,** Eastern Sun, \$5, 9 p.m., Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell, 978-441-9906, www.evosarts.com.

**Live music,** Music at Eden's Edge, \$20, 8:15 p.m., Hammond Castle Museum, 80 Hesperus Ave., Gloucester; 978-283-7673.

**Art show,** Saltbox Gallery annual Plum Island Art Show, fine art, antiques and handicrafts of 20 North Shore artists, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., PITTA Hall, Plum Island Turnpike, Newbury; 978-887-3844.

**Art reception,** Saltbox Gallery wine-tasting reception, 6-9 p.m., Saltbox Gallery, 49 Main St., Topsfield; 978-887-3844.

## Saturday, June 28

**Live comedy,** John Turco, EJ Murphy, Anne Maneikis, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

**Live comedy,** Tom Hayes, Jay Rodrigues, Sean Lilly, \$12, R-rated hypnotist Joey Devito every Sat. 10:30 p.m., Joke maven's Comedy Club, Guest House Inn and Suites, 159 Pelham St., Methuen; 866-404-Continued on page 22

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

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**Live music,** Carol Noonam with Kevin Barry, \$13-\$15, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

**Live music,** Kweejeebo, \$5, 9 p.m., Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, www.evosarts.com.

**Live music,** Laurie Guthrie, no cover, 9 p.m., Higher Ground Coffee House, 194 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-4007.

**Artist reception,** *Where Memories Begin*, paintings by Monique Sakelarios, free, 3-6 p.m., the Churchill Gallery, 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891.

**Workshop,** Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities present a *Quillwork and Paper Filigree Workshop*, \$50 members, \$55 non-members, all materials included, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, 39 Main St., Essex, registration required, 978-768-3632.

**Art show,** see June 27 entry.

**Dance,** see June 27 entry.

## Sunday, June 29

**Live music,** Music at Eden's Edge, \$20, 7 p.m., King Hooper Mansion, 8 Hooper St., Marblehead; 781-631-2608.

**Live music,** Barbara and Al Boudreau Jazz Quartet, 4:30-8:30 p.m., Ipswich Bay Bar and Grill, 24-26 Hammett St., Ipswich, reservations recommended; 978-356-7006.

**Art show,** see June 27 entry.

## Ongoing Art Exhibitions

**Addison Gallery of American Art.** *Miracle in the Scrap Heap: The Sculpture of Richard Stankiewicz; The Park Avenue Cubists: Gallatin, Morris, Frelinghuysen and Shaw; Jim Hodges: coloround; and Conversations: A Collection in Dialogue*; through July 31, gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015 www.addisongallery.org.

**Andover Historical Society,** tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century. Contemporary Andover Artist Series presents: *Recent Pastels, Watercolors and Prints by Diane M. Pitochelli*. Also, the Historical Society is teaming up with the Andover Garden Club to host a traveling exhibition organized by the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities (SPNEA). *Lost Gardens of New England* (\$5 admission; free to members) features more than 40 images mined from the collections of SPNEA, including watercolors, historic photographs, plans, stereoview cards and garden supply catalogs, illustrating town and country gardens from 1790 through 1930. Tuesday through Friday 1-4 p.m., \$5 admission, students \$3, also Saturday June 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday June 28, 1-4 p.m., 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

**Alpers Fine Art of Andover,** new paintings by Ellen Granter, through June 22, gallery hours: Wednesday and Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St., Andover; 978-470-0013.

**Town Manager's office,** Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St.; 978-623-

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**Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody**, displays ethnographic objects from the museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

**Essex Art Center, Main Gallery:** I.D.; work by Jairo Cruz, Andre Hester, Leida Montañez, Elizabeth Beland Gallery; Taking Liberties; Gayle Caruso, Elaine Crivelli and Judith Larsen. Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence; 978-685-2343.

**McCoy Gallery, Merrimack College:** for hours: 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

**Brush Art Gallery, CoN:StrucT:Ures** by Andrew Neumann, through June 22, gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell; 978-459-7819.

**Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art, Main Gallery** June 26 through Sept. 12, *Photobooth*; Tuesday-Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., \$5 admission, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org.

**Revolving Museum, Wonders of the World (WOW) 4: Play-Land** through July 27, artist-driven museum, dedicated to presenting public art, exhibitions, educational programs, gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday noon-4 p.m., 22 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-937-2787.

**Whistler House Museum of Art,** Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

**J. David Broudo Gallery of Art,** Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-232-2250.

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**Montserrat College of Art Gallery,**

Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon-4 p.m., 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-921-4242.

**Senior Center artists,** talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; 978-623-8321.

**Memorial Hall Library,** Artist of the Month series features Galind Bomshteyn, oils, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 978-623-8400, www.mhl.org.

**Flint Memorial Library,** 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942, www.flintmemoriallibrary.org.

**The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden,** Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester; 978-463-8883.



Amanda Weldin (left), playing Olivia, and Sarah Cutts perform in last year's *Shakespeare in the Skatepark*.

## All the World's a Stage, Dude!

### Shakespeare in the Skatepark set for July 28

An organizational meeting for teens interested in participating in this year's *Shakespeare in the Skatepark* will be held Monday, June 23 at 5 p.m., at the Andover Community Skatepark (behind West Middle School). Organizers announce *As You Like It*

(featuring the line "All the World's a Stage...") to be a comedy set among the half-pipes and ramps in the park.

Dan Serna, student director, encourages anyone interested to attend the meeting to find out more: "We're looking for all types of actors, skaters and tech peo-

ple." The play will hold evening rehearsals with a production date of July 28.

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For more information, contact Dan Serna at 978-475-4485.

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# Business

## Mad about ice cream



By Kyle McCauley

With the onset of summer and the sweltering New England heat invariably come trips to the local ice-cream shop. Now residents Steve and Maggie Repucci give Andover and its surrounding towns a new alternative: Mad Maggie's.

With the closing of such local spots as Gina Marie's, the Repuccis, of 1 Delphi Circle, saw a lack of Andover ice-cream choices. The couple opened Mad Maggie's roughly three weeks ago, with the intent of filling that void and satisfying the craving for summer's guilty pleasure.

Maggie's was originally slated to open for business in Andover, but the couple says it could not find a suitable storefront in town. "We wanted to be in Andover," says Maggie Repucci, "because Andover needs it (an ice-cream shop) so badly."

The Repuccis are still targeting Andover for a shop in the future. "We're hoping to expand to Andover," says Maggie Repucci. "This is kind of a stepping stone."

According to Steve Repucci, Mag-



Stuart Floyd of Andover (top left) is one of those who will be packing homemade ice cream for Steve and Maggie Repucci (above), Andover residents and owners of Mad Maggie's ice-cream stand just over the line in North Reading.

gie's separates itself from the pack through its customer service, where "courtesy" is the maxim. "We're a little more friendly than most places," he says.

Maggie's offers its customers about

25 different flavors with which to indulge their taste buds. Prices range from \$1.75 for a children's cone to \$4.50 for a large sundae.

The Repuccis, 10-year residents of Andover, named their shop after the initials of their children, Micheal, Amanda and David and, of course, after Maggie herself. Feeling left out, the Repucci's youngest daughter, Kristen, demanded to have her name associated with the business, too - resulting in the flavor "Kristen Crunch."

Unlike large ice-cream chains, Maggie's ice cream is homemade. "We want to produce a high quality product," says Steve Repucci.

Located on 327 Main St. in North Reading - just over the Andover line on Route 28 - Mad Maggie's serves up scoops all week long. Mondays, from 5 to 10 p.m.; Tuesdays through Friday, from 3 to 10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 10 p.m.

Kyle McCauley is an intern at the Andover Townsman.



## First Essex now Sovereign entity

By Andy Murray and Kathleen McLaughlin

The signs might change on First Essex Bank's 20 branches, but executives from Sovereign Bancorp vow the local faces and service won't.

Customers like Dave Coombs, 33, of Salem, N.H., who dropped by the First Essex branch in Pelham, N.H., last Friday, will be watching. Coombs became a First Essex bank customer after his last bank made mistakes on his account after another merger.

"So long as everything stays the same, I'm fine with it, but if they start whacking me with fees, I'll jump. I could jump to Citizens or to the credit union on (Route) 28," Coombs said.

Philadelphia-based Sovereign Bancorp announced last Friday it had agreed to buy First Essex Bancorp, one of the Merrimack Valley's last local, publicly-held banks, in a deal worth about \$400 million. If regulatory agencies and First Essex shareholders approve the sale, it would be complete sometime after Dec. 31, bank officials said.

The news sent shares of First Essex Bancorp soaring nearly 26 percent last Friday, closing at \$46.88 on the Nasdaq exchange. Shares of Sovereign Bancorp fell 4.5 percent, closing at \$15.68 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Sovereign Bank has more than 500 branches and more than 1,000 ATMs and about 8,000 employees in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Delaware and Massachusetts. It has \$23.5 billion in deposits.

First Essex, based in Andover, is a \$1.8 billion bank holding company with 11 community banking offices in Massachusetts and nine in New Hampshire. It was one of the Valley's oldest financial institutions, founded in 1847 as Essex Savings Bank by the same people who built Lawrence's Great Stone Dam.

"For the customers, it means a very large and substantial bank that can bring a whole array of cash management and loan products that we could not," said Leonard Wilson, First Essex Bancorp's chairman and CEO, who will retire as a result of the sale. "This brings a bank that has the same attitude of service that First Essex has. Sovereign bank is a community bank, and if you visit their office, the focus is on people and customers and relationships."

Past working relationships among top officers of First Essex Bancorp and Sovereign Bancorp helped set up last Friday's acquisition.

"When you know somebody, it's a lot easier to understand their strategy and philosophy," said Joe Campanelli, chief operating officer of Sovereign Bank in New England. Campanelli, his CEO John Hamill and First Essex's Wilson all worked at the defunct Shawmut Bank.

Although Wilson, 63, was known to be looking toward retirement, Campanelli said the First Essex acquisition wasn't an auction-style

sale. The banks came together because of their like-minded focus on customer service and small-business loans, he said. "We had a couple of meetings."

By acquiring the Merrimack Valley's leading local bank, Sovereign will take first, second or third place in each community's market share, as measured by deposits, Campanelli said.

Campanelli said he will be "disappointed" if Sovereign doesn't retain

**"For customers it means a very large and substantial bank."**

LEONARD WILSON  
RETIRING FIRST ESSEX CEO

close to 99 percent of its First Essex accounts in the first year after the deal closes. The company's official estimate is that it will retain about 95 percent.

Many banking customers became familiar with Sovereign

when the company acquired 285 Fleet branches three years ago. Regulators required Fleet to divest after its merger with BankBoston.

"Having gone through the largest branch divestiture in the country just three years ago, we're very sensitive to consumer needs," Campanelli said.

First Essex customers can expect "minor adjustments" in the bank's offerings, but Sovereign wants to avoid disruption, he said.

Along with a leading market share, First Essex has a highly visible chief executive in Wilson. Campanelli promised local leadership for Sovereign's newly acquired territory. "That is our plan, to have local people living and working in the community."

As he paused outside a First Essex branch in Pelham, local business owner Rick Hammar, 50, couldn't decide how Sovereign's bid for the smaller First Essex would affect Pelham. When Citizens Bank came to town, the large New England bank had marketed itself by going door-to-door to small businesses in the area and offering a competitive deal.

Still, the banks Hammar said he remembered most fondly were the small community banks like Pelham Bank and Trust, which owned the branch at Pelham Plaza before First Essex. Hammar remembered how Louis Fineman, Pelham Bank's president and chairman, gave him his first car loan to buy a Camaro, when he was still a teen and had no credit history. When his father needed a loan to build the building that would become the family's art supplies and sign store in Pelham, Fineman made the loan.

"He always took the time to come out and give people personal attention," Fineman said.

When it bought it a decade ago, First Essex had worked hard at preserving the small-town feel. Hammar said. A portrait of Fineman still hangs in the Pelham branch as does a huge mural of the town center behind the branch's row of tellers. The mural and portrait were the things Hammar said he most wanted Sovereign to leave untouched.

"If they can keep those homey touches in Northern Mass. and Southern New Hampshire, so people don't feel like they have to move to Vermont, then it's OK with me," Hammar said.

## BRIEFS

### Railroad street turning Japanese

#### Mootone brings 'Andover maki,' food cooked at the table

Authentic decorations of the Japanese culture to match the cuisine and compliment the dining experience can be found inside the doors of Andover's newest restaurant at 15 Railroad St., next to the commuter-train station.

The selectmen approved the victualer license for Mootone last Monday. So now it's sushi - or cooked table food - for everyone.

In fact, the restaurant offers 180 different dishes, from teppanyaki items to "party boat" options for families or larger parties.

Lunch specials are offered from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays.

Yizhong Yin, owner of Mootone, is no stranger to Railroad Street, or the world of Asian dining. His Teatone, a Chinese restaurant, opened two doors down from the Mootone site in 2001. So Andover residents now have a choice between Chinese items such as fried crab rangoon at Teatone and Japanese selections such as California maki at Mootone.

Mootone is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9:30 p.m.

- Andrea Gregory

### MV Chamber begins summer

#### Health-care trends

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's Human Resource Association will present "Health Care: Emerging Trends and Practical Solutions for Employers" co-sponsored by Betsy Hole of AFLAC today, Thursday, June 19 from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wyndham Hotel in Andover. Lunch will be served. The cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for Merrimack Valley Chamber members, and \$35 for people who are not members.

This seminar will cover the different options employers have these days for health and dental insurance. Topics will include:

- Health plan definitions

- History of health care
- Practical solutions and trends
- Overview of hybrid plans, high deductible plans, and niche products
- Dental trends

Call 978-686-0900 for more information.

#### Mixer next Tuesday

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will present "A Welcome to Summer" marketing mixer on Tuesday, June 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott, 10 Campanelli Drive, Andover.

The cost is \$10 for members, and \$20 for non-members.

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# Sports

## American Legion baseball

# Off to a fast start

## Andover Post 8 stays unbeaten in early action

By Rick Harrison

**B**RIAN BUCKLEY HAD FOUR HITS, including a double and triple, and drove in seven runs over two games as the Andover Post 8 American Legion baseball team remained undefeated with a pair of lopsided wins over Zone 8 rivals Saugus Post 210 and Revere Post 62.

Buckley, Sam Basta and Chris Hanlon collected three RBI each in the 11-4 road romp over Saugus at Stackpole Field, and Buckley's four RBI supported the shutout pitching of lefthander

Pat Bateson in a 10-0 triumph over Revere in the home opener at Peter Aumais Park.

"So far we're hitting the ball well and the pitching has been solid," said Post 8 manager Joe Iarrobino.

"The three teams we've played are not among the strongest we'll face, but because of our past success we're always going to get every opponent's No. 1 pitcher. We won't come up against many slouches (on the mound)."

### Schedule

Post 8 returns to action tonight (Thursday) against North Andover Post 219 at the North Andover Middle School Field (6 p.m.).

Saturday the locals travel to face Gloucester Post 3 at O'Malley Field in Gloucester (4 p.m.), and Sunday Andover hosts Lynn Post 6 at Aumais Park (5 p.m.).

Righthander Kyle Ahern (1-0) is the scheduled starter tonight, while righty Jon Shaw will pitch Saturday and Bateson on Sunday.

"They are the 1-2-3 pitchers in our rotation," said Iarrobino. "Peter Burke-Wallace, Brian Buckley and Tom Arrigg could also do some spot starting or relieving."

The Danvers game was rained-out last week and has yet to be rescheduled.

### Injury report

Post 8 is down two key players, catcher Paul Skinner and first baseman Joel Keefe, both of whom suffered a hand injury recently.

Skinner cut the index finger on his right (throwing) hand and needed 14 stitches to close the wound, suffered while working in the lab of a Woburn tech company on his first day of a summer job.

Keefe, who throws lefty, cut a tendon on his right (glove) hand and needed 12 stitches and surgery.

Skinner is out indefinitely and Keefe, whose hand and forearm are in a cast, is expected to be sidelined 4-5 weeks.

Paul Chiozzi, Tim Hughes and Ryan Shepard will share the catching duties in Skinner's absence, while Chris Vining has taken over for Keefe at first base.

### Andover 11 Saugus 4

After grabbing a 5-0 lead in the fourth, Post 8 needed four runs in the sixth and two more in the seventh to break open a 5-4 game in Saugus.

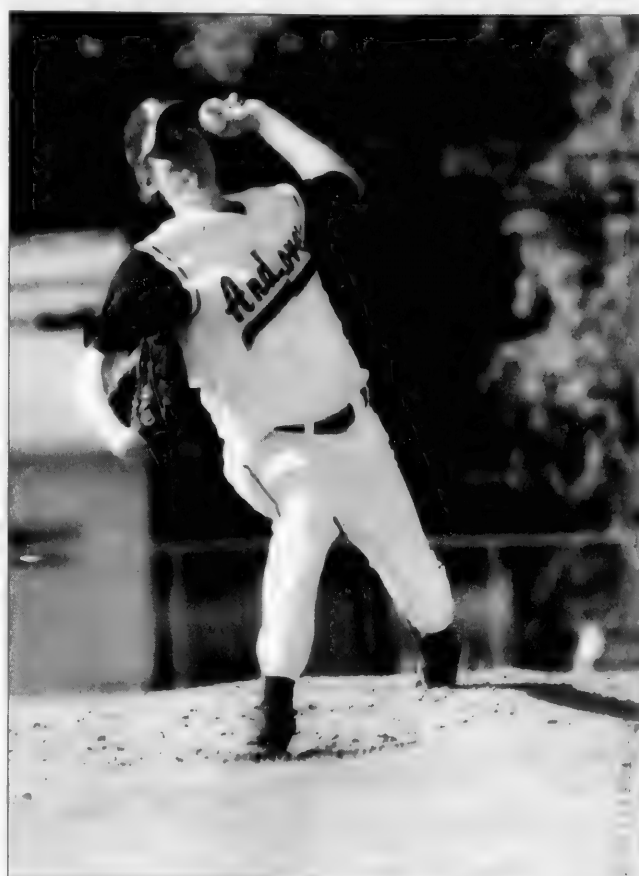
Starting pitcher Jon Shaw (1-0) worked four shutout innings before a four-run Saugus fifth made it interesting briefly.

Peter Burke-Wallace earned a save with 2 1/3 frames of hitless relief. He got the third out in the fifth and fanned the side in the sixth.

After a one-out error in the seventh, the game ended on a 6-4-3 double play from Chris Hanlon to Matt Iorio to Chris Vining.

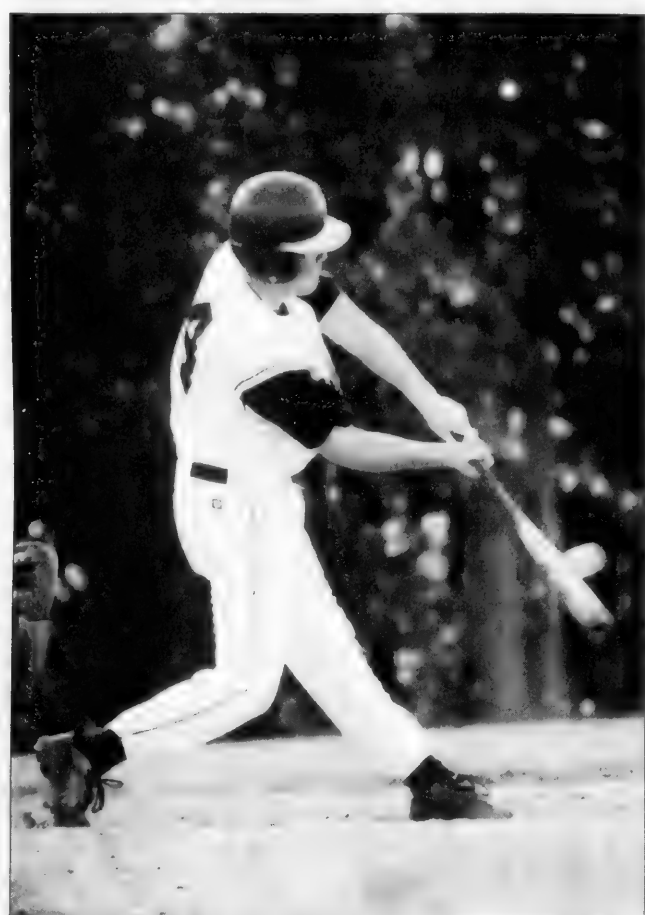
Post 8 notched an unearned run in the first when leadoff batter Paul Chiozzi singled, took second on Sam Basta's bunt and scored on an error.

In the third Chiozzi and Basta singled, both advanced on a passed ball. Brian Buckley laced an RBI single to center and Hanlon lofted the first of four Andover sac-flies.



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Andover Post 8 pitcher Pat Bateson is poised to fire a pitch past a Revere batter on Sunday in the home opener at Peter Aumais Park. Bateson blanked Revere on four hits over six innings as Andover won, 10-0.



Chris Hanlon drove in two of the 10 runs scored at home against Revere on Sunday.

## BOX SCORES

ANDOVER 11, SAUGUS 4 at Stackpole Field, Saugus											ANDOVER 10, REVERE 0 at Aumais Park, Andover										
Andover Post 8 — Paul Chiozzi lf 5-2-2, Sam Basta cf 2-2-2, Brian Buckley 3b 3-1-2, Chris Hanlon ss 4-1-1, Matt Hennessy dh 3-0-1, Chris Vining 1b 3-0-0, Ryan Shepard rf 4-0-1, Tim Hughes c 2-2-1, Matt Iorio 2b 2-1-0, Tom Arrigg 2b 1-2-0, Jon Shaw p 0-0-0, Peter Burke-Wallace p 0-0-0 Totals: 29-11-10											Revere Post 61 — DeRippos ss 2-0-0, Flaherty c 2-0-0, Adesso 3b 3-0-2, Vargen cf 3-0-1, Avitia dh 2-0-0, ADiLorenzo dh 2-0-0, Green 2b 2-0-0, DiGaetano 1b 2-0-0, Mattera 2b 1-2-0, Scotte 1b 2-0-0, Constantino lf 2-0-0, PDiLorenzo p 0-0-0 Totals: 22-0-4										
Saugus Post 210 — Richards ss 4-1-1, Nicolo 2b 4-0-2, Amelillo 1b 4-0-1, Recogno lf 1-0-0, Kmetzlo c 2-0-0, Howard 3b 3-1-1, Powers dh 1-0-0, Leblanc dh 2-0-0, Regan p 2-1-1, ABartanti p 0-0-0, Sullivan cf 2-1-0, PBartanti rf 0-0-0 Totals: 25-4-6											Andover Post 8 — Paul Chiozzi c 4-3-2, Sam Basta cf 2-2-0, Brian Buckley 3b 3-1-2, Peter Burke-Wallace 3b 1-1-0, Chris Hanlon ss 4-1-1, Matt Hennessy dh 3-0-2, Ryan Shepard rf 3-0-2, Tom Arrigg dh 4-0-0, Chris Vining 1b 4-0-0, Matt Iorio 2b 3-2-2, Pat Bateson p 0-0-0, Kyle Ahern p 0-0-0 Totals: 32-10-11										
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Ryan Shepard makes contact against Revere on Sunday.

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## Andover Major League Baseball

## The stage is set

## Town Championship Series on horizon

By Rick Harrison

THE REGULAR SEASON for Andover Major League baseball players is winding down, setting the stage for both the 2003 Town Championship Series and the annual District 14 Tournament upcoming later this month and in July.

The best-of-3 Major Division (9-12 years) Town Championship at the Deyermund Field complex is tentatively scheduled for June 29 (Sunday), July 1 (Tuesday) and July 3 (Thursday, if necessary).

Neither the American nor the

National League has determined a champ yet, with four teams still in the wide-open AL mix and a three- or four-way playoff possible next week.

An amazing success story is taking play in the NL where coach Ed Taylor's Braves, 0-16 last year, are 14-0 this season and bidding for the title.

The American and National League Major 11-12 All-Star teams were selected earlier this week.

Both are scheduled to begin play in the double-elimination District 14 tourney on Saturday,

June 28.

The Nationals will battle Chelmsford Lupien and the Americans will face Lawrence Tower Hill, with the site and time of the games yet to be announced.

District winners advance to Sectional play, which is followed by State and Regional Tournaments. Regional winners move on to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. in mid-August.

Last year the Andover Americans won the District title and played in the Sectionals at Weafer Park in Woburn, where they also claimed the crown with victories over Danvers National (3-0), Arlington American (8-6 after trailing 6-2) and Lynnfield (2-1). They also lost to Lynnfield (5-4).

At the State Tournament in

Adams, Mass., the locals beat Wellesley and lost twice to eventual World Series participant Jesse Burkett of Worcester, 3-0 and 9-0.

In 1988 the Andover Nationals defied the odds and won district, sectional, state and regional championships, qualifying for the World Series where they went 1-2 and were eliminated after an opening 8-2 loss to Southwest Regional champ Spring, Texas.

Jim Arnold, who managed that team, is an assistant coach for the Andover Americans this year.

Rich Crowley is head coach of the 2003 American All-Stars and Guy Ehlbeck heads the Nationals.

The Major 9-10 All-Star teams will be selected within the next two weeks. Their division of the District 14 tourney starts later.

Major 9-10 head coaches are Paul Conway for the Americans and Ed Taylor for the Nationals.

Below are the rosters, with regular season team affiliations in parentheses, of the Andover Major 11-12 All-Star squads.

## SOCCER STARS



The Andover Firebolts U-13 Girls soccer team captured the championship title at the Nashua Memorial Day tournament held May 24-26. The girls outscored their opponents 24-3 over 5 games, most played in the pouring rain. Christina Muccio was the leading tournament scorer with six goals. The defense held all opponents to 0 goals from the open field. The girls defeated a New Hampshire Club team in the semifinals 2-1 and a Enfield Connecticut team 2-1 in the finals. Former teammate Chelsea Canepa flew in from Arizona to play in the tournament as a guest player. She began the scoring barrage with the Firebolts first goal of the tournament. The girls are coached by Lynn Wailes and Lou Piazza. Back row: Camille Fantini, Lizzie Bruno, Megan Thomann, Kristi Korsberg, Kelsey Crowther, Rikki Sartor, Jessica Waters, Taylor Wailes, Lydia Dallett. Kneeling: Emily Barker, Kathryn McDonnell, Cara Lemire, Allie Umlah, Christina Muccio, Katelyn Caro, Erica Leber, Rachel Licciardi. Missing from photo: Chelsea Canepa.

## TRACK &amp; FIELD

The Andover Public Schools Physical Education Department conducted its annual 4th- and 5th-grade track and field relay meet at the high school track facility recently.

More than 900 students participated in at least one of six different events, all done in four-person relay teams. Events included 4x100 meters, 4x200 meters, medley relay, softball throw, long jump and triple jump. Students competed against other students in their same grade and gender, from all public elementary schools in town.



Dan Fisch, grade 4 from South School, runs the medley relay.



Mackenzie Koravos, grade 4 at High Plain, edges out Hannah Kreiger, grade 4 from South School, in the medley relay.

## ROSTERS

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Mike Ardagna (Athletics); Jeff Kublin (Athletics); Brandon Topp (Athletics); Marc Crowley (Orioles); Brendan Mahoney (Orioles); Riki Retelle (Orioles); Steven LaFortune (Red Sox); Andrew Ruiz (Red Sox); John Farrell (Royals); Brian Russell (Royals); Connor Arnold (Tigers); Eric Geffken (Tigers); Sam Clark (White Sox); John Hennessy (White Sox).

Head Coach: Rich Crowley (Orioles). Assistant Coaches: Jim Arnold (Tigers); Lauro Ruiz (Red Sox).

ANDOVER NATIONAL  
MAJOR 11-12 ALL-STARS

John Haak (Braves); Brendan McCarron (Braves); Mike Primes (Braves); Alex Patti (Braves); Josh Devine (Cubs); Mike Todisco (Marlins); Sean Ehlbeck (Pirates); Andrew Walker (Pirates); Mike Birecki (Pirates); C.J. Leary (Pirates); Andrew Kanell (Cardinals); Mike Yastrzemski (Cardinals); George Flanagan (Mets); Chris Lippi (Mets).

Head Coach: Guy Ehlbeck (Pirates). Assistant Coaches: Galen Cawley (Pirates); Scott Devine (Cubs); Mike Pilla (Marlins).



The Andover Blue Lightning won the Essex County Division 3 Championship in the U-12 age group. They won games by the scores of 2-1, 2-1 and 5-1 before Sunday's 2-0 victory in the Finals. Back row: (from left) Molly Rodin, Rachel Rutfield, Lindsey Gedaly, Betsy Sullivan, Laura Massey, Janelle Driscoll, Melissa Knapp, Hanna Gully, Emily Zinsmeister, Laura Harker, Melanie Saryan, Alyssa Silva, asst. coach Phil Sutherland. Front row: Assistant coach Jim Ricciardelli, head coach Rob Carroll, Emily Swapp, Allie Carroll, Kelsey Heavey, Megan Deyermund, Jillian Ricciardelli, LeeAnn Sutherland, Stephanie Stras, assistant coach Blair Heavey.

## LOCAL LAX LADIES



◀ These are the first members of the Under-10 team formed in Andover for girls lacrosse. Their coaches said, "The girls had a great season, competing with various towns and compiled a winning record over a nine-game schedule."

First row: (from left) Megan Pierce, Naisy Flannery, Kate Farnham, Anne Farnham, Jamie Newsome, Lauren Flynn, Catherine Anderson, Rachael Margoles, Kelsey Flannery. Second row: Elizabeth Kelly, Morgan Prudden, Vanessa Kelly, Caroline O'Donnell, Kristen Flynn, Marielle Gallant, Jillian Conway, Marianna Heckendorn. Back row: Head coach Mark Farnham, coaches Ed Flannery, Cynthia Kelly, Roselle Heckendorn and Tracy Harris. Missing from photo: Sara Miller, Taylor Scult, Mariah Hyslip and Rose Greeley.

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## AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

■ ANDOVER POST 8  
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Tim Hughes reached on a one-out error in the fourth, Iorio walked and Chiozzi reached on another misplay to load the bases. Basta hoisted a sac-fly, Buckley walked to re-load the bases, and Hanlon's second sac-fly made it 5-0.

After Saugus trimmed its deficit to 5-4 in the fifth, Post 8 countered with four runs in the sixth.

Iorio reached on an error, Basta drew a one-out walk and Buckley slapped a two-run single to left. Hanlon added an RBI single to left-center, Matt Hennessy walked and Vining contributed a sac-fly.

In the seventh Hughes singled, Tom Arrigg walked and Basta blasted a two-run double to right-center.

Chiozzi, Basta and Buckley smacked two hits each while Arrigg, Hughes, Chiozzi and Basta scored a pair of runs

apiece.

Ryan Shepard belted a double and Hennessy added a base hit.

Andover 10  
Revere 0

Pat Bateson (1-0) tossed six innings of four-hit ball, fanning seven and allowing only one runner as far as second base.

Kyle Ahern mopped up with an inning of hitless relief, ending the game on a 1-6-3 double play after issuing a one-out walk.

"Bateson had a low pitch count and was cruising," said Iarrobino. "Ahern came in to get a little extra work."

Post 8 scored all the runs necessary in the first. Paul Chiozzi reached on an error, took second on Sam Basta's infield out and scored on Brian Buckley's double to left-center.

A fielder's choice grounder by Chris Hanlon erased Buckley at third, and Hanlon later

crossed after singles to left-center by Matt Hennessy and Ryan Shepard (RBI).

It remained 2-0 until Andover put together consecutive four-run innings in the fifth and sixth.

Buckley's long three-run triple to center cleared the bases in the fifth, after Matt Iorio singled to right-center, Chiozzi reached on an error and Basta walked. Hanlon rescued Buckley with a single to left.

The locals loaded the bases again in the sixth when Iorio singled to center, Chiozzi singled to left and Basta walked. Peter Burke-Wallace was safe on an error as Iorio scored. Hanlon's infield chopper plated Chiozzi and Hennessy drilled a two-run single to right.

Post 8 turned two double-plays and the keystone combo of shortstop Hanlon and second baseman Iorio played strong defensive games.

Buckley doubled, tripled and

drove in four runs, while Chiozzi finished with two hits

and three runs scored. Hennessy, Shepard and Iorio

added two hits each. Basta and Iorio both scored twice.



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First baseman Chris Vining makes a play and records an out against Revere.

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### NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held in the Town Office Building, Second Floor Confer-

ence Room, 35 Bartlet Street, Andover, on Wednesday, JULY 2, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Jane Hermosa for an addition to house, and replacement of windows to existing house.

Premises affected is located at 253 Andover Street and shown on Assessors Map 139 as Lot 16. The application is available for inspection in the Office of the Inspector of Buildings during business hours, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Christian Huntress  
Chairperson  
BallardVale Historic District  
June 19, 2003

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PLANNING BOARD  
Notice is hereby given that a public hear-

ing will be convened on Tuesday, JULY 8, 2003, at 9:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on an application made by Angelo Petrosino, for a Special Permit for Earth Movement, associated with a 11-lot Definitive Subdivision entitled "Pine Forest Park" on property owned by the applicant, located Southeasterly of Route 125 at the North Reading line, more specifically identified as Assessors' Map 104, Parcel 3. This application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ANDOVER  
PLANNING BOARD  
Paul Salafia,  
Chairman  
June 19 & 25, 2003

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Paul F. Savage to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., dated March 25, 2002 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 6741, Page 194, of which mortgage Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 p.m. on July 1, 2003, on the mortgaged premises located at 6 Robandy Road, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

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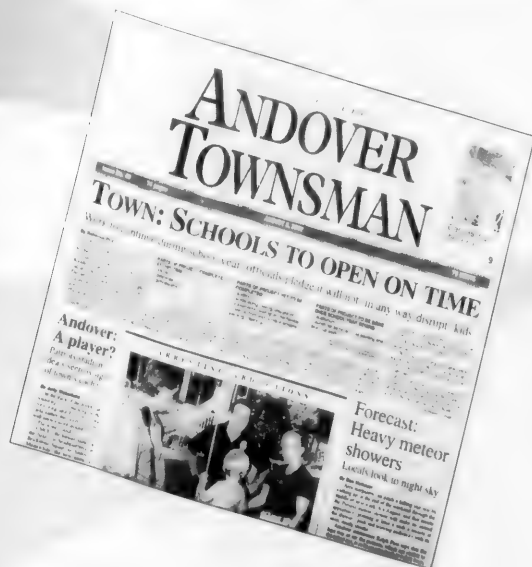
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**ESSEX Division**  
**Docket No.**  
**03P1133EP1**

In the Estate of  
**ARTHUR ANSBIGIAN**  
 Late of ANDOVER  
 In the County of  
**ESSEX**

Date of Death  
**February 28, 2003**  
**NOTICE OF**  
**PETITION FOR**  
**PROBATE OF WILL**

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WITNESS, HON JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, June 9, 2003.

Pamela Casey  
 O'Brien Register of  
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 June 19, 2003

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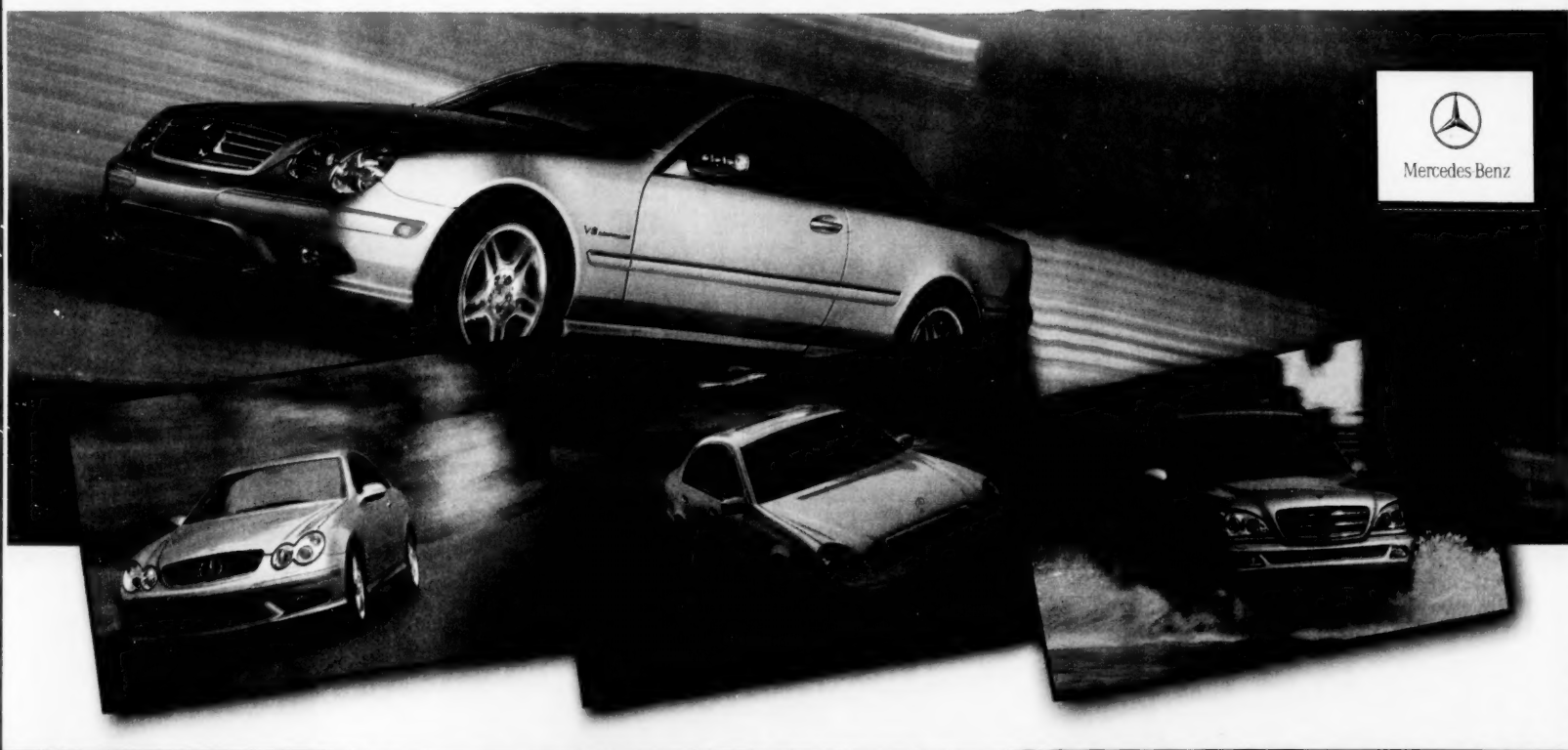
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